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Friday 9th February

Principal's Report

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Welcome to 2024 - I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2024 school year and give a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. Our students have settled into their classroom routines and they are building positive relationships with their peers and teachers across the school. The Grade 6 buddies have been an excellent support for our new Foundation students and have helped them feel supported as they get use to school life.

Start Up Program - During the first two weeks of school, our students have participated in a wide range of start-up activities to help ensure a positive and enjoyable start to their school year. As part of our Start Up program this year, all our students took part in the Proactivity incursion today and they had an amazing time. The Proactivity team were so impressed with our students' team work and collaboration, and they said they can't wait to come back again in 2026!

School Council Elections If you are interested in the overall operation of our school and would like to have some input into its present and future direction, perhaps you would like to nominate for membership of School Council. School Council meets once a month with meetings usually lasting for about an hour and a half. Two of our current school council members will be finishing up with us this year and one member have come to the end of their two-year term, so there will be 3 parent vacancies on School Council this year, so please think about nominating for one of these important positions. Nominations for the vacancies will open on Monday 12 Feb and close on **Monday 26 Feb 2024**.

A Call for Nominations and School Council Information Sheet will be sent out on Compass on Monday 12 February and paper copies will also be available in the Office. The information sheet will outline the timeline for the Election process and provide you with information regarding the role of a School Councillor. If you would like any further information, please call the Office. **Our School Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 March at 6.30pm.**

Meet and Greet Interviews Thank you to all family members who took part in our Meet and Greet Interviews at the start of this term. Our teachers have all mentioned how valuable this process is in getting to know their students and their family members. If you were unable to take part in the interview process, please contact your classroom teachers to arrange a suitable time to have a chat.

Arrival and Departure Times We are aware that arrival and departure times for students may vary depending on family circumstances and transport arrangements for each family, however if possible, it is best if students arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am so that they are 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 you need to drop your child at school prior to 8.40am or if you are unable to pick them up before 3.50pm in the afternoon, we recommend that you enrol them in our TheirCare Out of School Hours Care program, to ensure their safety and wellbeing during this time.

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 printed pass to hand to their classroom teacher. If your child needs to leave school at any time for an appointment and/or for an early dismissal, parents or carers need to come into the Office to arrange collection and to allow Office staff to enter an early departure time on Compass. 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 by themselves at any time throughout the school day unless a written request is received from a parent/guardian and permission is given by the Principal.

Playground Safety 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. **To ensure safety for all our students, we do not allow students to play on the playground equipment before school at any time; and students are only allowed to play on the equipment after school if supervised by their parents.** Please also note that school rules related to playground and equipment use apply at all times.

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

School Council

Principal

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Principal's Report continued...

Mobile Phones and Wearable Communication Devices We understand that students may bring a personal mobile phone or a wearable communication device to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and stored in the school office during school hours. **Students who have the Principal's approval must place their phone in the school office before 9.00 am and then for collect them from the Office at 3.30 pm.** Wearable communication devices, such as watches, can be switched on throughout the day, but the communication function must be turned off during school hours. Please refer to our [Mobile Phones and Wearable Communication Devices Policy](#) for further details.

Dogs on School Grounds Please also note that, with the exception of education support dogs and therapy/guide dogs, dogs are not permitted in the school grounds and we would ask parents not to bring dogs to school, even if they are on leads.

Newsletters Distributed Fortnightly Compass, our online communication portal, is our main communication device and it enables us to send important messages to our school community on a regular basis and at point of need, which is a real benefit to our school. In addition to the other messages sent out on Compass, we also distribute a school newsletter on a fortnightly basis which highlights the important events and contains valuable information for our school community.

Annual Privacy Reminder Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website www.strathps.vic.edu.au/privacy-information. For more information about privacy, see [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

Student Insurance Schemes It is important to remind parents that the Department of Education (DE) 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. The DE cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase.

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 DET 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.

Safe Travel 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.

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

Personal belongings All belongings, including clothing, must be clearly marked with the student's name 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 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. Any money that is sent to school with your child must be handed directly to the office. When siblings bring money for other family members, please mark this clearly on the envelope with written details of each student, home group and teacher.

Parent/Guardian/Visitor Sign-in/out For emergency purposes, all parents/guardians and visitors who are in the school during the school day (9.00am – 3.30pm) must call at the office and sign in at the book at the front counter on arrival at school and sign out when departing.

Safe Driving and Parking around School We have been advised by the City of Greater Bendigo 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 schools 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.

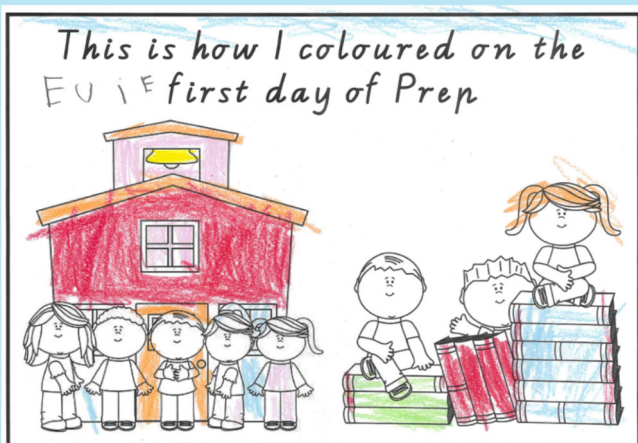
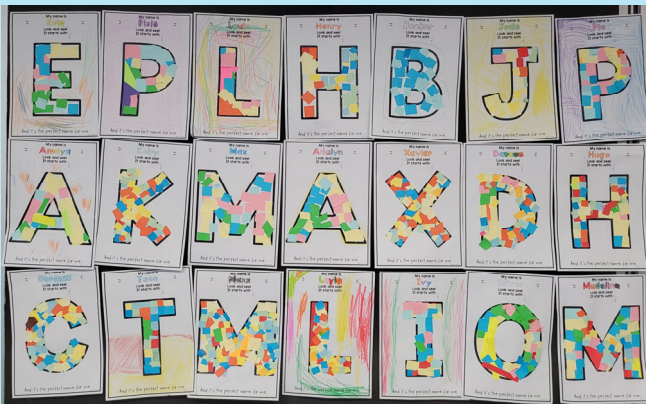
*A number of schools have time restricted areas that assist with the pickup and drop off of students and these restrictions must be adhered to. **Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.** The law requires that a driver approaching a 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."

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert, Principal
Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au

Special Memories

First Day of School for our Foundation Students



TERM 1 CALENDAR



Feb 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Up Program - Proactivity Incursion
Feb 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFL Community Camp Visit 1:15-2pm
Feb 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Rest Day /Interview Session
Feb 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly 3pm
Feb 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Rest Day / Interview Session
Feb 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Canteen Lunch
Feb 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Feedback Workshop 6.30pm
Mar 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics Grade 3-6
Mar 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly 3pm
Mar 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Day
Mar 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photos
Mar 13th-25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPS Easter Raffle drawn Mar 27th• NAPLAN Grade 3 and 5
Mar 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior School Council Fundraising Day• Harmony Day - Dress in Orange
Mar 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colour Fun Run• Assembly 3pm• Special Canteen Lunch
Mar 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Cross Country• Term 1 Concludes 2:30pm
Mar 29th-Apr 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Holidays
Apr 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 2 Commences



School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Did you hear the exciting news?

We are hosting a

School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

on Friday March 22nd

This event will be an awesome experience for all students and provide our school with the opportunity to raise funds for a variety of student resources and equipment.

Stay tuned for more information very soon!.



Class Awards

Foundation

1	Dexter L Isabella W	For showing kindness in the classroom. For showing kindness in the classroom.
2	Oliver S Amaya V	For making a great start to his first year of school and being a wonderful classmate by helping others. For making a great start to the year and having her best go at new activities.
4	Caleb V Daisy A	For showing confidence in recognizing your letter names and sounds. Great work Caleb For having a fantastic start to prep and settling well into school routines. Great work Daisy

Grade 1

3	Angus N Ted C	For showing our school values of Caring and Excellence in his classroom For showing our school values of Optimism and Respect in his attitudes and behaviors
5	Alexa B Rachel A	For settling beautifully to her new school and trying her best. For showing fabulous CORE values and being a role model in our classroom.
6	Novalee N Zendi A	For settling well into Grade 1 and completing all set tasks. Well done Novalee For reading really well and sounding out his words. Well done Zendikar.
8	Blaire B Meilani T	For making a great, positive and confident start to Grade 1 For making a great start to her new school and building her confidence and independence in our morning routines

Grade 2

18	Clancy O Amelia W	For settling quickly into our new classroom routines For showing attentive listening and respect in our new classroom
19	Ada P Adele B	For giving great examples of how people are demonstrating our school values. For demonstrating excellence when listening in the classroom.
20	Charlie M Sebastian C	For displaying kindness and respect in Room 20. For displaying kind manners and excellence during work time.

Grade 3

15	Heidi F Andrew A	For having a great start to the year and always showing our school values. For having a great start to the year and always showing our school values.
16	Patrick V Maddison S	For his amazing start to the school year For her amazing start to the school year
17	Isla H Mia L	For being an incredible buddy to a new student and also consistently modelling fantastic examples of our CORE values For being a wonderful learning partner, always ready to help and explain her ideas

Grade 4

24	Milo C Micah P	For contributing to class room discussion and being an inclusive and helpful class member towards his peers. For contributing to class room discussion and being an inclusive and helpful class member towards his peers.
25	Isaac Z Mason W	For consistently sharing his ideas and contributing to class discussions For consistently sharing his ideas and contributing to class discussions
26	Veni T Freya C	For settling in beautifully to a new school, new classroom and making new friendships For settling in beautifully to a new school, new classroom and making new friendships

Class Awards

Grade 5

21	Ella B	For showing care to both her peers and staff within the school. Ella has shown that she can be very responsible and step up in times of need to support her peers.
	Miller W	For showing the value of excellence within the classroom. Miller has started the year off setting up his books and workspace efficiently and effectively.
23	Frankie D	showing persistence while designing a template for the Grade 5 assembly awards. Frankie's design was voted in to be used for our assembly awards in 2024.

Grade 6

13	Sanneke Harrison K	For producing excellent work to start her grade 6 year. For being a positive role model for all grade 6 students.
14	Tripp C	For a positive start to his grade 6 year.
27	Eoghan R Jasper R	For demonstrating enthusiasm towards classroom activities and helping others. For being a caring buddy and having a positive start to the year.
28	Lucy O Kelsey C	For being a terrific member of our classroom and beginning each day with a positive can do attitude. For showing great community by assisting others in the classroom.



Specialist Awards



STEM	Miller R	For beginning the year in STEM with an optimistic attitude.
Performing Arts	Harper D	For always trying her best in Performing Arts
LOTE	Deklan W Isaac Z	For being a fantastic listener in LOTE and participating enthusiastically in discussions For being a fantastic listener in LOTE and participating enthusiastically in discussions.
Digital Tech	Ryder G	For having a great start to 2024 in Digital Technology
PE	Sam D	For having a great positive mindset and listening attentively!
Visual Arts	Matilda C	For wonderful drawing skills.
Library	Rafferty J	For listening to the story in library and willing to participate in class discussions

Proactivity Incursion — Start Up Program

Photo Gallery



Proactivity—Start Up Program

Photo Gallery



Parents and Friends Committee

The Parents and Friends Committee of Strathfieldsaye Primary School are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents and guardians who may like to volunteer and assist with school events and activities.

Examples of how you can assist include Fundraising activities, Fathers and Mothers Day stalls, Book Fairs, Community Market and more!

***Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Friday February 16th at 2:15pm
in the school staffroom***

Please RSVP to Rebecca.Soulsby@education.vic.gov.au

We would love to have lots of new parent to join us, as it's a great way to develop new friendships.

Breakfast Club & Fresh Fruit

A big 'THANKYOU' to 3 very generous companies/businesses who donate food to our school every week.

The **McKern Foundation** kindly donate boxes of a variety of fresh fruit every week, which all students were able to access if they ran out of their own supply.

The **Strath Hill Hotbake (previously Strathfieldsaye Bakery)** donated at least 8 loaves of bread every week last year for our Breakfast Club program, along with vouchers for families in need.

Strathfieldsaye Champions IGA donate cheese slices to enable us to make cheese toasties for Breakfast Club. The students love them!

We really appreciate all that our community does to support our students and their families.

It is very much appreciated. THANKS again.





Canteen Update: From Jade

In Term 1, 2024 due to the rising cost of food, we will have to increase our prices slightly. Please look out for changes to our menu.

A big thank you all of our volunteers; we could not operate without you!

The Canteen will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday every Lunch and every Recess



School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 11:20—12pm & 1:30—2pm
- 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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Jade, our Canteen Manager, on **0405 825 850**.

Student Wellbeing

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: 'Managing Fatigue as a Parent'



For further information please visit: 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.

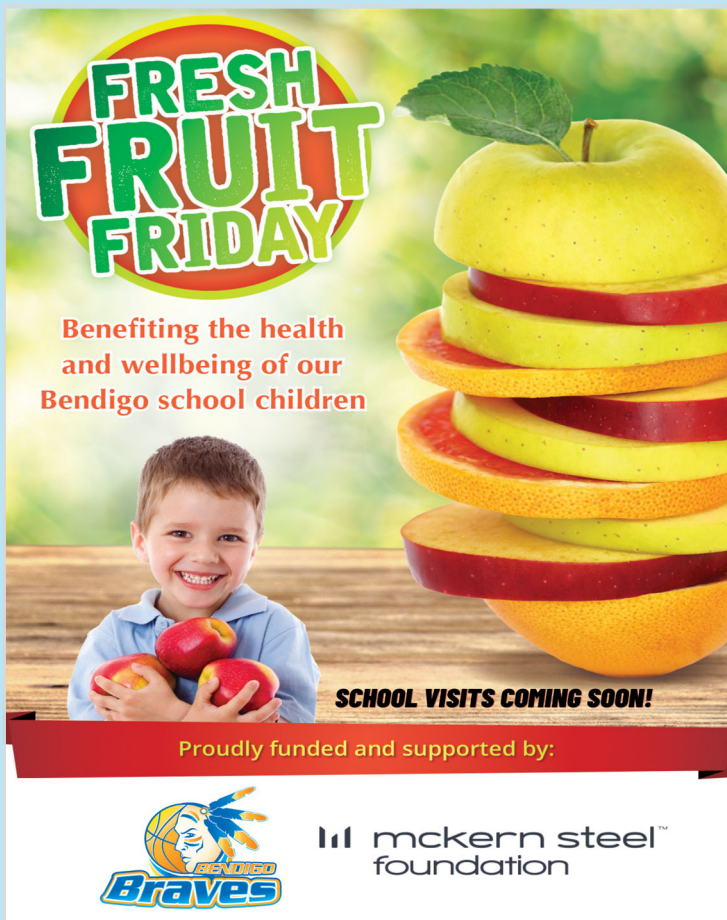
If you have identified increased mosquito at your premises, I encourage you to engage a licensed pest controller to assist you identify and apply appropriate chemical controls at your site.

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.

Thank you

A huge thankyou to the Strath Hill Hotbake and Dough si Dough Bakery Strathfieldsaye for their donation of bread; to Strathfieldsaye Champions IGA for the cheese they donate; and also to the McKern Foundation for donating fresh fruit.

We really appreciate your support!




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PLAY FOR KICKS



Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

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SUPERKICK CENTRE

MONDAY'S STARTING 26TH FEB

4 WEEKS

4:30PM - 5:30PM

SHADFORTH PARK, NORTH BENDIGO



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HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



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**FREE
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
FEB 25, 2024**

**10AM
TO 1PM**

FREE ACTIVITIES:

THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA ♥ ART AND CRAFT
SPORTING ACTIVITIES ♥ FACE PAINTING ♥ FREE GIVEAWAYS!
RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

*Don't forget
a towel!*

FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS
- ALL \$2 EACH ♥ FREE FRESH FRUIT ♥ COLIBAN WATER
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

*Limited shade - bring
along your hat and chair.*

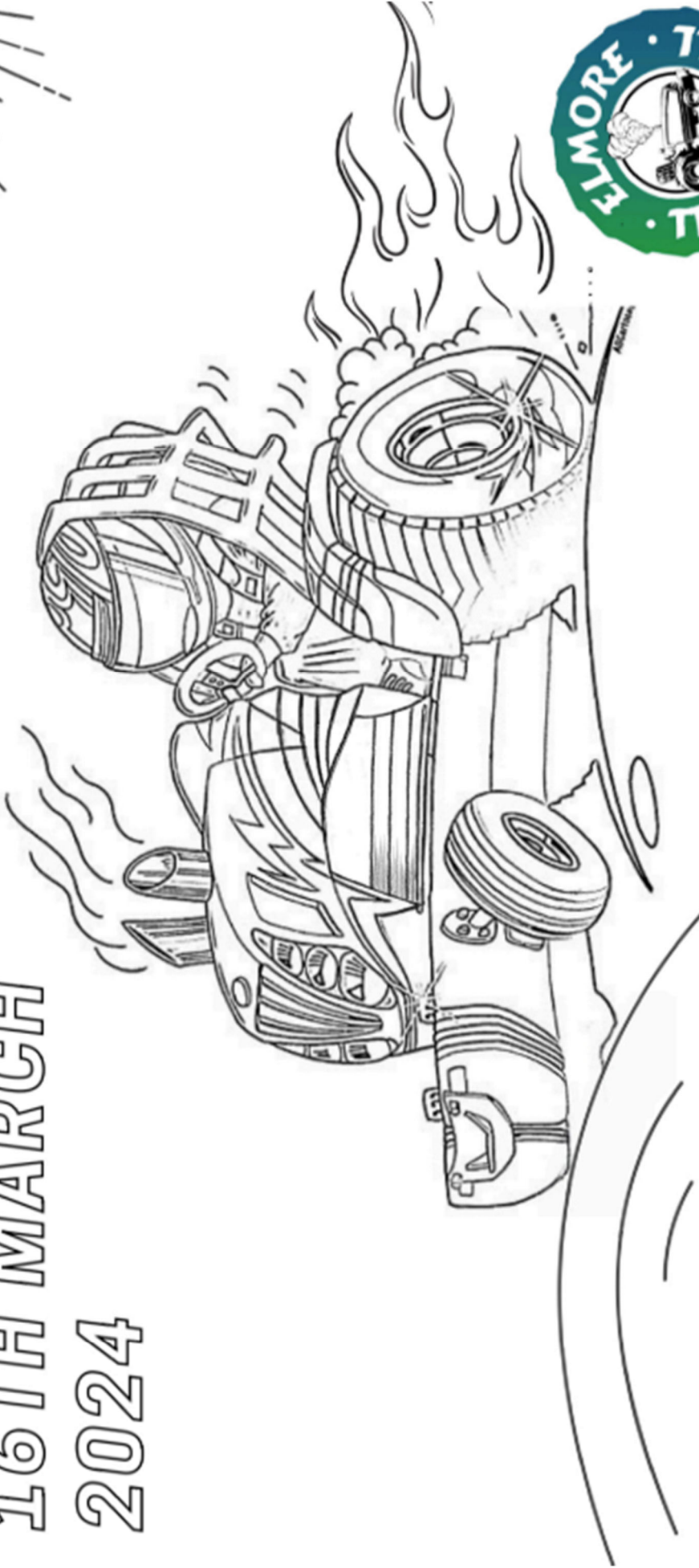


**STRAUCH RESERVE
14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY**



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ELMORE TRACTOR PULL 16TH MARCH 2024



McKEES
Garage and Engineering Pty Ltd

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Elmore Events Centre
PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558
Or scan to:
info@elmorefielddays.com.au

PRIZES FOR WINNERS: FAMILY PASSES AND CHILDREN'S PASSES!
ENTRIES CLOSE 8TH MARCH 2024.

Name: _____ Age: _____
School: _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____

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4-WEEK

POP UP BLAST



Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.

Strathfieldsaye Jets CC Pop-Up Blast
Tannery Lane Complex
9:30am to 10:30am - 4th Feb - 25th Feb
Contact: strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com or
Brent on 0434 730 711



SIGN UP TODAY!

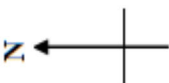
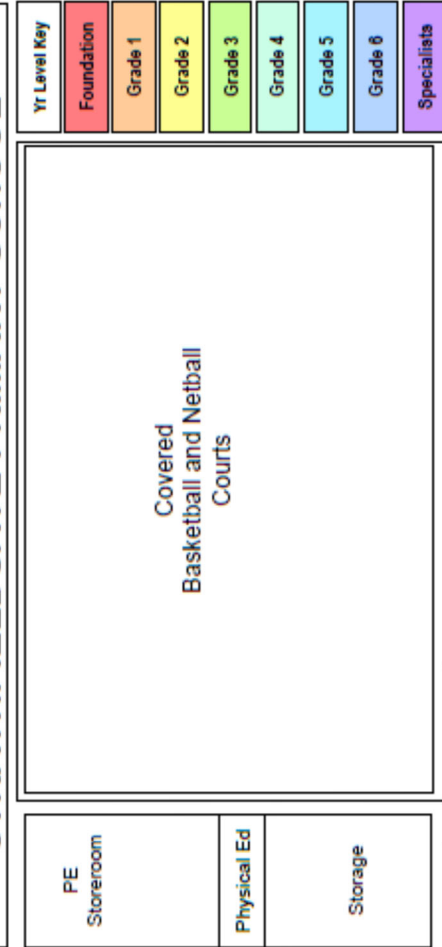
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School Map

STRATHFIELDSAYE PRIMARY SCHOOL



9 Uxbridge Street (Front of School)

