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Optimism



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Excellence

Friday 1st December

Principal's Report

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

2023 Swimming Program Our 2023 swimming program will officially start next Monday and I know all our students are really looking forward to this great learning experience. Our Foundation, Gr 1 & Gr 2 students will begin their lessons on Monday 4 Dec and our Gr 3-6 students will start their lessons on Monday 11 Dec.

State-wide Orientation Session Tuesday 12th Dec is the State Wide Orientation Day for all government school students. Our Gr 6 students will be heading off to their Secondary Colleges for the day, our 2024 Foundation students will be spending the morning with us once again, and all our current students will be heading into their 2024 grades for the morning.

Candy Canes and Edible Gifts

At this special time of year, it is so lovely to see our students sharing cards and gifts with their friends, and seeing the smiles on their faces as they celebrate together. To ensure we are considering the health and wellbeing of all our students, if classroom teachers notice that their students have been given a card or gift that includes an edible treat, such as a candy cane or chocolate, they will be asking them to pop them in their bag to take home. This way parents are able to help their child make food choices that are just right for them. If you could have a little chat with your child at home to help them understand why teachers will be taking this action that would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much for understanding.

2024 Class Placement Process Over the last five weeks, school staff have invested many hours considering our students' social, emotional and academic requirements, their friendship requests and any individual student needs that have been shared by parents so that we can put together the best possible combinations for our 2024 classes. With careful consideration, we have been able to ensure that each child has been placed with one or more of the friends they requested and we have also been able to accommodate most of the parent requests that we received.

Given the time and careful consideration that has already been put into this process, I wanted to let parents know that we will not have the flexibility to make any changes to class groupings from this point on. If your child has any worries about their class placement after they participate in their orientation session on Tuesday 12 Dec. please chat to your child's 2023 classroom teacher and let them know so that they can help support your child in getting to know their new classmates and work through their worries prior to the end of the year.

2024 Room Changes Next year, we have decided to turn our current Gr 2 classrooms into a Specialist Hub. Rm 9 will become our STEM Room, Rm 10 will be our Performing Arts Room, Rm 11 will be our LOTE Room and Rm 12 will be our Digital Technologies Room on Mon-Wed and Chaplain's Room on Thu-Fri. Visual Arts will remain in our P-1 Wing. If you would like to know the location of our 2024 classrooms, please refer to the map at the end of the newsletter.

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.

2024 Pupil Free Days and Students First Day of School for 2024

Monday 29 January - Curriculum Day 1 Teacher Professional Learning

Tuesday 30 January - Meet and Greet Interviews * See below for Foundation interview info

Friday 7 June - Curriculum Day 2 Report Writing Day

Wednesday 17 July - Student Learning Interviews

Monday 19 August - Curriculum Day 3 Teacher Professional Learning

Monday 2 December - Curriculum Day 4 2025 Curriculum Planning Day

The first full day of school for our students in 2024 will be as follows:

Wednesday 31 January for Gr 1 - Gr 6 students

Thursday 1 February for Foundation (Prep) students

**2024 Foundation students will allocated an interview and assessment session on one of the following dates:*

Tue 30 Jan, Wed 31 Jan, Wed 7 Feb, Wed 14 Feb, Wed 21 Feb, and Wed 28 Feb

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



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TERM 4 CALENDAR

Strathfieldsaye
Primary School

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

1	Raphael Q Buster R	For creating interesting sentences during class time. For creating interesting sentences during class time.
2	Chase G Rylan R	For settling in to his new school quickly and following classroom rules and routines For always being a good friend by helping others in class and looking out for his peers in the yard
3	Ted C Sam D	For sharing his strategies for solving maths problems and enjoying working on his Essential Assessment tasks For sharing his strategies for solving maths problems and enjoying working on his Essential Assessment tasks
4	Atlas R Mabel F	For working hard on all work tasks and taking extra time with his presentation (drawing and colouring in), finishing off his work at a high standard. For using fantastic positional language to describe things in Maths. Great work Mabel
5	Clancy O Saoirse G	For his fabulously entertaining narrative story about the journey of Super Tooth. Amazing Clancy! her excellent attitude and application towards the achievement of her writing goals
6	Dexter C Alexys G	For continuing to challenge yourself in mathematics with bigger numbers! Well done Dexter! For taking her time with her narrative story, ensuring it makes sense. Well done Alexys!
8	Connor G Macey H	For working efficiently to get their narratives typed up. For working efficiently to get their narratives typed up.
9	Harrison S Oakley M	For demonstrating excellence in his maths work. For showing optimism in all areas and trying her hardest.
10	Myla N Noah H	For creating and developing her ideas into an interesting narrative! For working hard to create a fun and engaging narrative!
11	Easton M Jimmy J	For his entertaining narrative story, that showed great use of words and punctuation For showing a more positive attitude and being very caring with other students
13	Aston B Levi J	For consistently putting in an outstanding effort with all maths activities and assessments! Hard work definitely pays off Aston For putting in a tremendous effort and giving his best with all end of year assessments! Fantastic work Levi
14	Elsie M Roger S	For always going above and beyond to tidy the classroom at the end of the day For putting in a big effort with his handwriting
15	Luca C Kayley C	For fantastic writing in their big write task. For fantastic writing in their big write task.
17	Kaylee H Joli P	For writing an exciting and creative narrative with lots of detail. For writing an exciting and creative narrative with lots of detail.
18	Frankie D Charlotte K Hartley R Parker H	For planning and researching their chosen topic to write an informative information report For planning and researching their chosen topic to write an informative information report For planning and researching their chosen topic to write an informative information report For planning and researching their chosen topic to write an informative information report
21	Loti K Harley W	For showing personal best and working well both individually and collaboratively with her peers For showing personal best and working well both individually and collaboratively with his peers
22	Brylee C Nikaylah A	For showing great resilience and positivity on camp! For consistently showing excellence and optimism throughout the year. Well done Nikki!
23	Zak G Quinlan S	For demonstrating CORE values while on camp. For demonstrating resilience while on camp.
24	Ruby P Olivia W	For her optimistic approach towards Energy Breakthrough and demonstrating excellence when contributing to her group presentation. For her optimistic approach towards Energy Breakthrough and demonstrating excellence when contributing to her group presentation
25	Jake I Abbigail	For writing a great autobiography For writing a great autobiography
26	Adam H	For his outstanding contribution to the EBT team.
27	Nathaniel H Emma H	For engaging in the camp experience safely, respectfully and with lots of enthusiasm. Nathaniel was able to let his peers and teachers see his relaxed and fun side For taking on the challenges of camp with a respectful and inclusive attitude. Emma showed that she can support her peers in having a fun and safe camp experience.
28	Ned M Makayla R	For displaying our school values of caring, optimism, respect and excellence while on camp. For displaying our school values of caring, optimism, respect and excellence while on camp.
STEM	Isaac Z	For showing patience and optimism during STEM sessions.
PE	Olivia P	For doing an amazing job leading her group at the Junior Sports Day!
LOTE	Harvey Y Alex L	For working hard on the Giant Panda research project and consistently supporting his group mates For being actively involved in all our LOTE learning experiences. Well done!
Vis Arts	Eoghan R	For enthusiastic participation in all art classes.
Perf Arts	Abigael O	For fantastic character work in her group's play The Foiled Robbery
Library	Sam M	For listening attentively in Library and completing all tasks. Great work Sam.

Energy Breakthrough

Last week 16 students from Strath PS participated in the 2023 Energy Breakthrough event at Maryborough. The event takes place over 3 days with students participating in 3 separate assessments for the event.

A presentation to judges about the vehicles, their features, materials and the environmental effects of motorised transport.

The second part involves students showing their understanding of the design and construction features of the vehicles and what makes them safe to use. The final assessment takes place on the track. Students ride the vehicles for a 14 hour period, relay style.

While the event took place last week, students have been working hard during the term to prepare their presentations, learning to ride the vehicles and all the various complexities of their operation. This has involved many hours after school and on Saturday mornings at a number of different venues.

On the race track, students were often challenged with different situations, accidents in front of them, following the instructions of officials and occasionally even being involved in a minor bingle of their own.

At the end of the event, although we didn't feature amongst the place getters for the event, Students had a great time and represented our school well always showing our CORE values. This was especially evident when I received a number of comments from the officials and other schools in the pit lane.



Energy Breakthrough



Grade 5 Camp Wyuna

Last week the grade 5's went to camp Wyuna at Queenscliff. The activities were boogie boarding, pizza making, bike riding, picture hunt and beach games.

For dinner we had spaghetti on the first night. On the second night we had chicken schnitzel. For breakfast we got toast or cereal for both days.

For lunch the first day, we had burgers and on the second day we had salad rolls. For desert we got ice-cream both nights but the second night the teachers put barbeque sauce on the ice-cream!! (The food was amazing)

Each person shared a cabin with three others, and two cabins shared a bathroom. We stayed at camp Wyuna for two nights and three days.

On the way to camp the bus took a wrong turn and got stuck so we had to walk the rest of the way to camp. The day we went home we had to walk on the beach to the park so the bus could pick us up.

On the way home we watched Shrek 1 and 2. We loved the stay and would definitely go there again!

By Makayla and Sanneke





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: "Defusing Explosive Children"



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.



School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.

Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at some

lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR), as a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in North Country Fire District fire district.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a Catastrophic fire danger rating as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day.

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter and Compass Newsfeed. Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

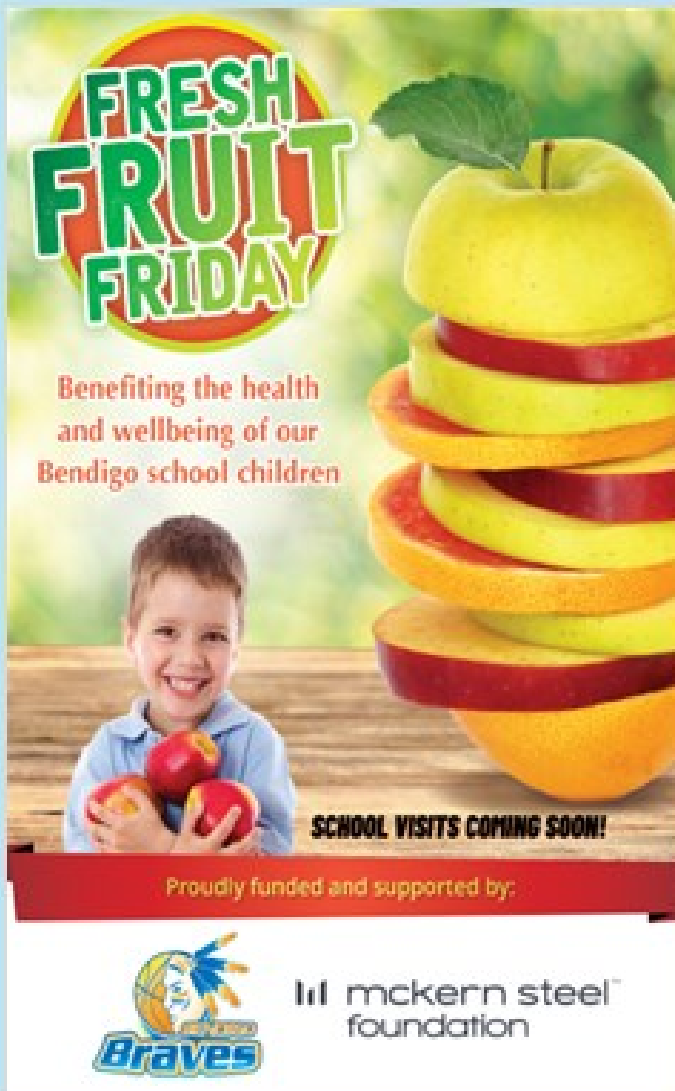
As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

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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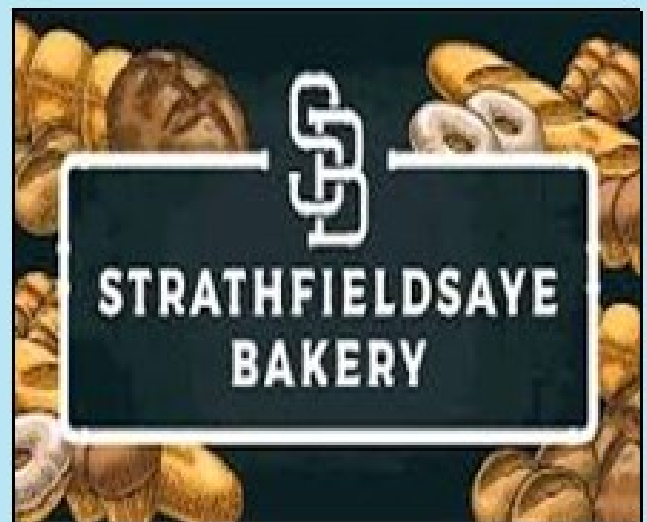
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2. Select the link: **BOOK AN APPOINTMENT**
3. Select your preferred date, pick a time and complete the steps as outlined on the booking page. 
You will receive an email confirmation once the appointment is booked

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We will happily exchange any uniform item that is unwashed, in original condition and returned with receipt.

Appointments will be in November & December 2023

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**Strathfieldsaye
Primary School**

Community Notices

Christmas TOGETHER

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2023

CARNIVAL • 3.30 - 6PM

Free entertainment for the whole family.
Carnival activities inside & out.
Space for a BYO picnic inside + out.
Food trucks, coffee van, ice-creams & cold drinks available to purchase.

CAROLS • 6.30 - 8PM

Seating available in the auditorium, and live streamed to the large screen outside.

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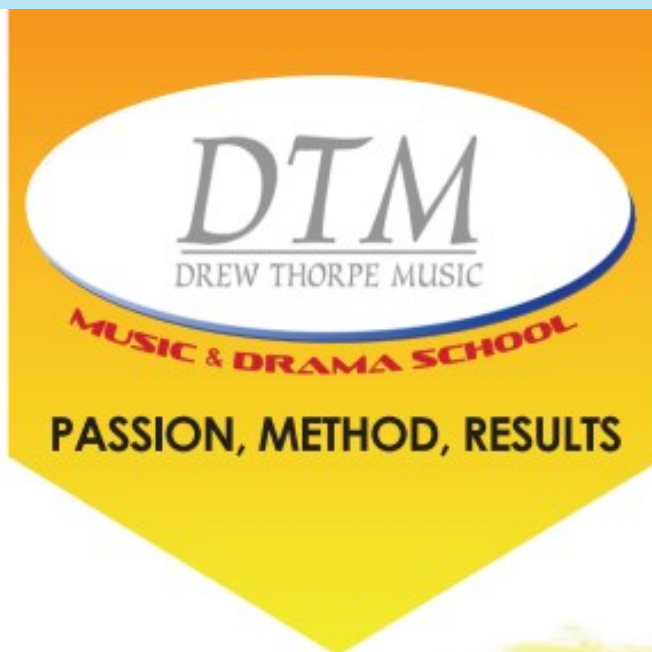
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VICARIE
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Nursery

Sugar Rhythm

Community Notices



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HARMONICA**

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Community Notices

FRIDAY NIGHT BAREFOOT BOWLS Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club



January 12th, 19th & 26th.
February 2nd, 9th & 16th 2024.



Invite your Family, Friends & Work Buddies!

Teams of 4
Single Entries Welcome
6.30pm Game Start
BBQ, Music, Heaps of Fun
\$10 per Adult
\$3 for U16

Entries Contact us via

barefootstrathbowlsclub@gmail.com

Or
Strathfieldsaye Bowls Facebook page.

Please support our barefoot sponsor

WALLER REALTY
SALES & LEASING

FORMAT FOR 2024

2 games of 5 ends.

Arrive 5.45pm for 6.30pm start.

Entry of teams, or individual entries, to be received by 4pm Friday each week so that games can be organised more efficiently and start on time.

Free sausage in bread will be available before the start of play.

Pizza orders on the night from 'Say Cheese' Strathfieldsaye.

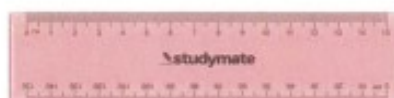
Community Notices



Please donate your unwanted good-quality stationary here

Shine Bright on behalf of Communities for Children run playgroups throughout the school term that provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for families in the Bendigo region. Donations of the items below would support our families and our local communities.

Items that would be greatly appreciated are things like unused glue sticks, scissors, pencil cases, rulers, exercise books, crayons/pencils etc.



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REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1** This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2** Registrations have the following key benefits
 - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
 - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3** Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below
or visit play.afl/auskick



School Map

STRATHFIELDSAYE PRIMARY SCHOOL



9 Uxbridge Street (Front of School)

