









Newsletter No. 2

Friday 1st March

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

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Principal's Report

Our Student Leaders Over the last few weeks, our students and teachers have had the pleasure of choosing some more of our student leaders with the selection of our Aboriginal Young Leaders, House Captains and Junior School Council team members and our Happy, Active Healthy Kids Students Leaders will be chosen in the coming week. These young people are a key part of our student leadership team and they work alongside our School Captains and their team mates to promote school spirit and leadership amongst our students. They represent the voice and opinion of their peers and share their ideas about how our school and community can continue to be improved. We welcome our student leaders and we look forward to hearing about their work as the year progresses.

NAPLAN Preparation Our Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the annual National Assessment Program -Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests on Wed 15, Thu 16, Fri 17 and Mon 20 March. There are 4 tests - writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), reading, and numeracy. Teachers in both year levels have been talking to their students about the best way to prepare for and approach these tests, and parents have been sent information on how to support their children through this time. Attached to this newsletter is an article by Michael Grose from the 'Parenting Ideas School' forum, providing valuable insights and strategies for parents to help their child to emotionally prepare for the tests, such as NAPLAN. This year, all assessments except for the Gr 3 Writing assessment will take place online, with assessments scheduled to take place at about 9.15am each morning starting on We d 15 March and continuing through until the following Monday. The Writing assessment will take place on Wednesday, Language Conventions on Thursday, Reading on Friday and finishing with the Numeracy on Monday 20 March

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 19 Feb and close on Monday 4 Mar 2024.

A Call for Nominations and School Council Information Sheet is available on Compass and paper copies are 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.

Colour Fun Run We will be holding out 2024 Colour Fun Run on Friday 22 March. Students have received their sponsorship booklet and can now create their online profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au.Big prizes are up for grabs! The more your child raises, the more prizes they will receive. Our goal is to raise \$30,000, currently our school has raised \$6,000.

School Photos On Thursday 14 March, Leading Image will be assisting us once again with our school photos. All students in the school will have an individual photo and class photo taken and parents are invited to purchase these photos by placing an order through the Leading Image website www.leadingimage.com.au. Family photos can be arranged by making a booking on the website before 4.30pm on Wednesday13 March.

Parking In Disbled Carpark without a Permit I am sad to say that there are a few of our family members who are regularly parking in the disabled carparks at the front of oue school. Please note that according to the City of Greater Bendigo local bylaws, "it is an offence to park a vehicle in an accessible parking bay without an Australian Disabled Parking Permit (ADPP)." Police officers and CoGB parking officers regulary patrol the streets around our school, so please make sure that you are obeying our law and not parking in disbled bays without a permit.

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







Mar 8th	 Assembly 3pm, including presentation of JSC badges
Mar 11th	Labour Day
Mar 14th	School Photos
Mar 13th-25th	 SPS Easter Raffle drawn Mar 27th NAPLAN Grade 3 and 5
Mar 20th	School Council AGM
Mar 21st	 Junior School Council Fundraising Day Harmony Day - Dress in Orange
Mar 22nd	Colour Fun RunAssembly 3pmSpecial Canteen Lunch
Mar 28th	School Cross CountryTerm 1 Concludes 2:30pm
Mar 29th-Apr 14th	Easter and School Holidays
Apr 15th	Term 2 Commences
April 25th	ANZAC Day

Student Wellbeing

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: 'Gentle Parenting: 'Tech Giants are ANTI-Kids'



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.

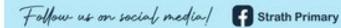
You can increase your protection by:

- 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.















After a week or two of setting expectations and discussing what it's all about, Digi Tech is now in full swing.

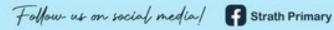
Here's a snapshot of what some of our year levels have been doing:

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- Grade 1 students have had fun using colour coding and unifix blocks to create a step by step algorithm for Lego figurines on a grid.
- Grade 4's have identified peripheral devices that can be connected to a computer, with the added challenge of classifying them as inputs or outputs (or both) and are now in their second week of a 5-week cyber safety course (Be Internet Awesome!).
- Grade 5 and 6 students have explored Binary Numbers and the crucial role they play for computers in processing information. When quizzed, our students should be able to explain what they are and why computers use them (instead of our base 10/decimal system).

Mr. Stevens, Digital Tech Teacher.









Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Students have received their sponsorship booklet and can now create their online profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au.

Big prizes are up for grabs!

Unlock your first incentive prize simply by raising \$10 online. The more your child raises, the more prizes they will receive. Our goal is to raise \$30,000, currently our school has raised \$6,000. The top fundraising classes to date are:



Rank	Class	Profiles	Online
1st	Room 4 Mrs Nixon	8	\$1125
2 _{nd}	Room 19 Mrs Sumner	4	\$940
3rd	Room 21 Mr Pinder	8	\$605
4th	Room 1 Mrs Cavallaro	8	\$390
5th	Room 3 Mrs Rogers	5	\$335

SLIME THE TEACHER

Are you keen to see 2 of our teachers with slime all over them!

Raise a minimum of \$20 to go into the draw to be one of the lucky students who will get to SLIME THE TEACHERS

You can vote by placing coins in each of the following teachers voting boxes at the office. The 2 teachers with the highest amount of coins will be SLIMED!



















Class Awards

Foundation

1	Everly C Lachlan K	For showing enthusiasm when answering questions in class. For showing enthusiasm when answering questions in class.
2	Pixie M Henry V	For wonderful listening & following instructions at all times in class For wonderful listening & following instructions at all times in class
4	Harper B Charlie B	For successfully putting the big book cut up sentence back together and then rewriting the sentence. Amazing writing Harper For recognising the starting sound m and placing correct m pictures and drawing other pictures starting with m. Great work Charlie

Grade 1

3	Chelsea K Parker J	For writing super sentences with capital letters and full stops For writing super sentences with capital letters and full stops
5	Huntah R Fletcher P	For her kind and caring approach to others both in and out of the classroom. For consistently modelling our CORE values and trying his best.
6	Sienna K Jaxen A	For consistently modelling our CORE values and trying his best. For continuing to work on his reading goals and sounding out.
8	Jensen H Sam D	For demonstrating our school values of caring & respect towards classmates in the classroom For demonstrating our school values of caring & respect towards classmates in the classroom

Grade 2

18	Alvie M Ben T Vinnie H Cooper W	For designing a fantastic classroom award that was chosen to be used one of this years awards For designing a fantastic classroom award that was chosen to be used one of this years awards For designing a fantastic classroom award that was chosen to be used one of this years awards For designing a fantastic classroom award that was chosen to be used one of this years awards
19	Megan F Ada P Charlotte W Jackson E	For designing a fantastic classroom award
20	Aleah B George S Ruby M Zoe B	For designing a classroom award that has been chosen to be used for our classroom awards in Grade 2! For designing a classroom award that has been chosen to be used for our classroom awards in Grade 2! For designing a classroom award that has been chosen to be used for our classroom awards in Grade 2! For designing a classroom award that has been chosen to be used for our classroom awards in Grade 2!

Grade 3

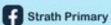
15	For producing high quality work during writing and maths. For producing high quality work during writing and maths.
16	For demonstrating the school value of excellence by working towards her personal best in all learning areas demonstrating the school value of excellence by working towards his personal best in all learning areasFor
17	For very thoughtful contributions to class discussions and outstanding effort in all subject areas For fantastic listening, participation and effort in all our classroom sessions

Grade 4

24	Kaiden M Lou S	For showing initiative and kindness in the classroom. For contributing regularly to class discussions.
25	Edyn G Elsie M	For consistently being an attentive listener and showing respect in the classroom For consistently being an attentive listener and showing respect in the classroom
26	Lola P Sophia M	For always having an organised desk and showing optimism and excellence by being ready to learn For always having an organised desk and showing optimism and excellence by being ready to learn









Class Awards

Grade 5

22	For showing optimism when presenting in front of the class! Well done Leila! For completing all his book club reading and responses on time and with a positive attitude.
23	For interacting in a caring and respectful manner in room 23 For always aiming to achieve her personal best in class

Grade 6

13	Callum M Sienna S	For showing effort and resilience in completing his work in class. For consistently finishing work to an excellent standard.
14	Lucy V Nikaylah A	For brilliant work on her narrative. For having a positive mindset every day.
27	Raven M Adaysha G	For continually demonstrating a positive attitude in the classroom and being a supportive friend. For demonstrating the CORE values and showing enthusiasm towards her learning.
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.



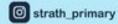
Specialist Awards



STEM	Kamden S	For showing excellence in his STEM wearable technology work.
Performing Arts	Isaac Z	For excellent participation in our World Music Unit in Performing Arts
LOTE	Adelle T	For being a fantastic listener in LOTE and participating enthusiastically in Lantern Festival discussions
Visual Arts	Toby H	For making a great start in Art this term.
Library	Hugo B	For listening attentively to the story in Library and eager to answer questions about the book . Hugo completes all tasks. Well done Hugo







North Melbourne Kangaroos AFL Player Visit



We were very fortunate to have a visit from the North Melbourne Kangaroo AFL players as part of the AFL Community Camp. The children were very excited to meet the players.



Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, our Grade 3–6 students participated in various events at the Bendigo Athletics Complex in Flora Hill. Throughout the day, students rotated around Shotput, Discus, Long Jump, Hurdles, 100m & 200 metre races. The kids had a great day, dressing up in their house colours. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who helped out, with your help the day was a great success.

















Grade 3–6 Athletics Carnival

















Breakfast Club & Fresh Fruit

A big 'THANKYOU' to 3 local companies/businesses who donate food to our school each 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.

Dough Si Dough Bakery, Strathfieldsaye who have started donating at least 8 loaves of bread each week for our Breakfast Club program.

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

More details to come soon on Compass regarding an open day for interested families on how volunteering in the canteen works. A big thank you all of our volunteers; we could not operate without you!

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

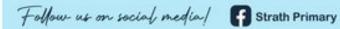


School Canteen Information

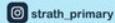
- The school canteen operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 11:20—12pm & 1:30—2pm
- Canteen orders and payments, by credit card, can be made through the Compass portal. The Canteen link is accessible under the 'Community' icon (the 2 people) on your Compass home page
- Online orders 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.









Community Notices



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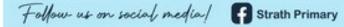
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When signing up to Bendigo Telco, you can nominate your Community Enterprise here in Strathfieldsaye. Your community will then receive a portion of the revenue earned from your monthly bill. Through these funding arrangements, Bendigo Telco have helped build fantastic community facilities like sporting fields, playgrounds, and so much more! Contact us for more information community@bendigotelco.com.au

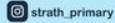
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Community Notices







@mckernsteelfoundation











Join us at our School Working Bee!

We are needing helpers to lay 700m of turf

When: Saturday 23rd March Where: Back of the school (Club Crt) near our new play equipment Time: From 8am

> Please contact the school office if you are available to help out.









Community Notices



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PRP 2024 Easter Colouring in Comp!

Complete this colouring sheet and return your entry to the PRP Bendigo office before 22/03 to go in the draw to Win!

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