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Friday 15th March

## Principal's Report

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

### School Council

#### Principal

Cindi Bruechert

#### President

Mihaela Kovacic

#### Vice President

Karlie Baker

#### Finance Committee Convenor

Hamish McIntosh

#### Minute Secretary

Cherie Walker

#### Parent Members

Alex Forrest  
Lee Harte  
Kim Kohlman  
Carleen Pickett  
Sarah Wilson

#### DET Members

Jo Grace  
Cherie Walker

#### Community Members

Andy Clark

**Outcome of 2023 School Council Elections** Our School Council Elections have closed and, thanks to a few people answering my last minute call out, we have been able to fill our vacancies, I am pleased to let you know that these members have all been duly elected to the Strathfieldsaye PS School Council for 2024-25. Our 2023-24 school council members are: *Continuing Members* Karlie Barker, Andy Clark, Alex Forrest, Kim Kohlman, Hamish McIntosh, Carleen Pickett and Sarah Wilson, *New Members* Crystal Baulch, Alana McCulloch and Kathryn McGibbon, and our *Staff Members* Cindi Bruechert, Jo Grace, Nic Hargreaves and Cherie Walker. I would like to thank our retiring School Council members - Mihaela Kovacic, Lee Harte - for their valuable service to our school over the years which has been very much appreciated.

At our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 March, we will farewell our retiring members and officially welcome our new members to school council for the next two-year term. Our **Annual General Meeting** is open to the whole school community, so if you would like to join us in the school staffroom at **6.30pm on Tuesday 19 March**,

**Our 2024 Aboriginal Young Leaders** This week, I had the pleasure of having a catch up with all 19 of our students with Aboriginal heritage this week and they had a great time chatting and coming up with some ideas about how they would like to share special things about their culture with their peers this year. They also thought carefully about who they would like to choose to represent them as our 2024 Aboriginal Young Leaders this year. So I am please to announce that our 2024 Aboriginal Young Leaders are Lexie, Thomas, Jaiden, Hunter, Jaxon and Amelia. These amazing young leaders work really hard at being positive role models for their peers and are always often wanting to help those around them. In fact, just this afternoon I had a parent of one of our Gr 1 students pop into the office to let me know that this morning, her daughter had a problem with her bike chain and two of our Aboriginal Young Leaders, Jaiden and Hunter, went out of their way to stop and help this young girl, which was such a kind and considerate thing for them to do and shows how deserving they are of this important leadership role. Our 2024 Aboriginal Young Leaders will be officially presented with their badges at our next assembly which will be held at **9.10am on Friday 22 March**.

**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](http://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 about \$15,000.

**2024 Teaching Teams** Earlier this week, I realised that I had not shared our teaching teams with everyone so far this year, so please find below our 2024 teaching teams:

- *Foundation Team* – Chloe Blackley, Gabi Cavallaro, Issy Hooper, Lucy Lang and Dani Nixon
- *Grade 1 Team* – Jen Dunstan, Krystal Cahill, Jen Rogers, Nic Hargreaves, Christina Spence and Jacinta Stanley.
- *Grade 2 Team* – Emma Wishart, Ash Ryan, Cheryl Sumner and Zari Hansen.
- *Grade 3 Team* – Lachie Worn, Aaron Collins and Kerry Meaden-Kendrick
- *Grade 4 Team* – Brooke Boswell, Luke Freeman, Britt Shannon and Georgia Searle
- *Grade 5 Team* – Amy Cunliff, Georgina Freeland, Nick Pinder and Nathan Coad
- *Grade 6 Team* – Deb Burke, Amy Bilkey, Jackson Godfrey, Ash Grant and Todd Canobie
- *Specialist Team* – Michelle DiCamillo (Performing Arts), Lindsay Dwyer (Chinese), Cheryl Fitzpatrick (Library), Jason Hague (STEM), Dave Stevens (Digi Tech / PE), Lachie Ratcliffe (PE), Melinda West (Vis Arts / Digi Tech),

#### 2024 Pupil Free Days

- Term 2 Friday 7 June - Curriculum Day 2 Report Writing Day
- Term 3 Wednesday 17 July - Student Learning Interviews
- Term 4 Friday 11 October - Curriculum Day 3 Teacher Professional Learning
- Term 4 Friday 29 November - Common Professional Practice Day \*TBC
- Term 4 Monday 2 December - Curriculum Day 4 2025 Curriculum Planning Day

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



# TERM 1 CALENDAR



Mar 13th-25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPS Easter Raffle drawn Mar 27th</li><li>• NAPLAN Grade 3 and 5</li></ul>
Mar 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Council AGM</li></ul>
Mar 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior School Council Fundraising Day</li><li>• Harmony Day - Dress in Orange</li></ul>
Mar 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assembly 9.10am</li><li>• Special Canteen Lunch</li><li>• Colour Fun Run</li></ul>
Mar 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Cross Country</li><li>• Cross Country Assembly 2.00pm</li><li>• Term 1 Concludes 2:30pm</li></ul>
Mar 29th-Apr 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easter and School Holidays</li></ul>
Apr 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Term 2 Commences</u></b></li></ul>
April 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ANZAC Day</li></ul>





Strathfieldsaye  
Primary School

COOL NATURAL TURF  
COULABAH TURF  
lawn for life



# 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*

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

## Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Students have received their sponsorship booklet and can now create their online profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://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 \$15,000. The top fundraising classes to date are:



### Leaderboard

CHILDREN

TOP CLASS

HIGHEST ACHIEVERS



Rank	Class	Profiles	Online	Cash	Bonus	Total
1st	Room 4 Mrs Nixon	13	\$1897	\$0	105	\$1897
2nd	Room 3 Mrs Rogers	16	\$1330	\$0	90	\$1330
3rd	Room 20 Ms Ryan	13	\$1225	\$0	65	\$1225

## 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!**





# 2024 Student Leadership Team

## School Captains



Cameron M



Flynn V



Lucy V



Ada W

## Aboriginal Young Leaders



Lexie A



Amelia R



Jaiden H



Jaxon D



Hunter BD



Thomas A

# 2024 Student Leadership Team

## House Captains

### Bowles



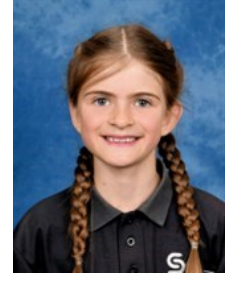
Sam E



Emma H



Alex M



Myah W

### Mannes



Brylee C



Heath V



Raven M

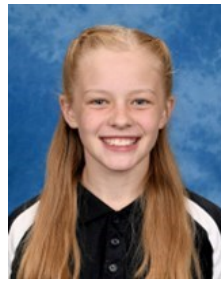


Ruby R

### Ryall



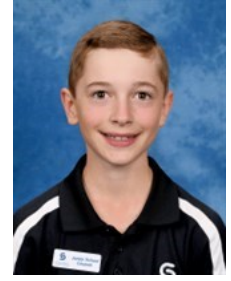
Lily J



Addison P



Eoghan R

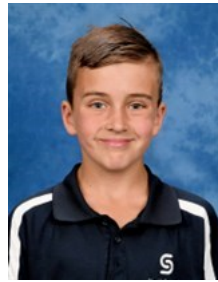


Kaiden Y

### Somerville



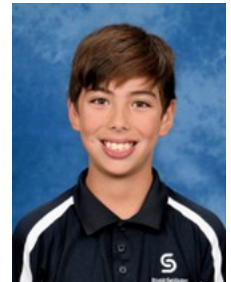
Jed M



Gus R



Makayla R



Alexander T

# 2024 Student Leadership Team

## Junior School Council

### Councillors

Tannah E  
Mae N  
Isla H  
Milo C  
Kate P  
William R  
Milla S  
Alexis H  
Kaylee H  
Pippa S  
Nikayla A  
Amelia W  
Aaliyah GR

Charlie W  
Ruby H  
Levi K  
Charlotte P  
Chan T  
Freya C  
Zander H  
Marley K  
Amber P  
Phoenix M  
Hazel MI  
Parker J  
Harper M

### Vice Councillors

Ben E  
Mikayla K  
Willow O  
Micah P  
Ella H  
Molly M  
Charlotte K  
Violet M  
Asher IB  
Sanneke P  
Quinlan S  
Noah K  
Olivia P

## Happy, Active, Healthy Kids Team

Lacey I, Poppy L, Sanneke P, Sienna S

Sienna B, Georgia H, Tyson H, Sierra W

Matilda C, Phoebe M

Chloe F, Nate H, LJ M, Sophie M, Miller R, Rachel T





# Class Awards

## Foundation

1	Ashton D Della H	For completing work, and showing good listening skills in class. For completing her school work to a very high standard.
2	Pixie M Josie S	For wonderful listening & following instructions at all times in class. For always helping others and being a kind friend
4	Vedder R Evelyn W	For recognising the starting sounds of words beginning with m, s, and t in Initialit. Great work Vedder. For recognising the starting sounds in words and placing the pictures under the correct sound. Great work Evelyn

## Grade 1

3	Heath B Ari C	For always trying hard when things get challenging and for his great work in maths with tens and ones For being a positive in class and having an optimistic approach to his writing and maths
5	Clayton M Reign J	For displaying confidence and enthusiasm with his writing For enthusiastically working to achieve his writing goals
6	Pippa B Samuel M	For completing all her work to a high standard. Well done Pippa! For building his confidence in presenting his share. Well done Sam!
8	Jaxson B Hudson N	For optimistically sharing his opinions and answering questions during class discussions. For wonderful completion of all reading, writing, and maths tasks.

## Grade 2

18	Molly N Nixon B	For a very interesting and informative share about New Zealand For his willingness to do extra work on his community map
19	Seamus R Molly O	For showing excellence by putting in your best effort when completing your Community Walk recount. Well done! For showing excellence by putting in your best effort when completing your Community Walk recount. Well done!
20	Daisy F Olivia L	For creating an interesting recount of our community walk! For creating an interesting recount of our community walk!

## Grade 3

15	Dorothy A Lachlan M	For showing excellence in Maths. For showing excellence in Maths.
16	Jimmy J Olivia G	showing optimism and excellence when completing his NAPLAN assessments showing optimism and excellence when completing her NAPLAN assessments
17	Levi K Willow o	For his outstanding attitude and effort in class at all times For her excellent listening, focus and effort in class

# Class Awards

## Grade 4

24	Lotus W Issy B	For entering into learning tasks with a growth mindset. For entering into learning tasks with a growth mindset.
26	Roger S Scarlett B	For showing optimism, excellence and resilience when approaching all math tasks For completing a fantastic acknowledgement of country during our integrated inquiry learning

## Grade 5

21	Charlotte K  Ryan L	For showing care and supporting her peers. Charlotte has helped her classmates during writing by listening to first drafts and providing constructive feedback. For showing excellence during his narrative writing. After finishing the task Ryan pushed himself to continue and write multiple short chapters.
22	Reuben V Leila N	For his excellent narrative writing. For working hard to develop her narrative idea.
23	Kaylee H Xander F	For always treating others as she would like to be treated. For bringing optimism and enthusiasm into the classroom each day.

## Grade 6

13	Angus C Lacey I	For persisting with difficult tasks and having a go. For being a resilient and optimistic learner.
14	Gus R Addison P	For working hard to achieve results at our Athletics Carnival For working hard to achieve results at our Athletics Carnival
27	Oliver S Rylee M	For consistently demonstrating respect towards others and striving to achieve his personal best in all activities. For demonstrating excellence by consistently being organised and showing enthusiasm towards all aspects of her learning.
28	Harper M Olivia P	For returning from being away and completing all required tasks in a timely manner. For being a terrific member of our classroom and beginning each day with a positive can do attitude.



## Specialist Awards



STEM	Alexis H	For showing excellence during STEM sessions
Performing Arts	Riley K	For always participating enthusiastically in Performing Arts
LOTE	Louie C	For being a respectful and optimistic player in the games during our self-introduction unit.
Visual Arts	Lucy V	For creating a wonderful dragon collage. Your use of colour was amazing!
Library	Charlie B	For becoming more confident to participate in class discussions about story in Library. Great detail in Library work book too
PE	Jaxon S	For showing excellence at the Athletics Carnival.





# Visual Arts

This Term in Art all classes have been exploring the significance of the dragon in Chinese culture as it is, Year of the Dragon. All year levels explored paper craft and made various dragons.

Foundation also experimented with colour mixing and Primary colours.



Grades 1&2 made paper dragon puppets.



Grades 3&4 made Paper puppets using layering techniques and paper folding.



# Visual Arts

Grades 5&6 made some wonderful, layered paper dragon collages.



## Student Wellbeing

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: ' Its Not Fair '



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.



## 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.





## Special Lunch Day

### Sushi, Mini Dim Sims and Mini Spring Rolls!

On Thursday March 21st we are having a special lunch day in conjunction with Harmony Day.

Orders must be placed by Monday afternoon. No late orders will be accepted



## 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



**Enroll Now!**

## MUSIC LESSONS



 Guitar  
  Piano  
  Violin  
  Vocals  
  Drums  
 BASS | UKELELE | WOODWIND | BRASS | STRINGS | BANJO | HARMONICA | MARIMBA

 0407502438  
  [drew.dtmaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:drew.dtmaustralia@gmail.com)

## ENTER THE DRAGON MILE

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024




### ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE  
 USE THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRICING AND AGE GROUPS  
 WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT  
 TIME: 10:30AM START






REGISTER HERE

Photograph Supported By The Bendigo Chinese Association and Golden Dragon Museum.

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ALSO INCORPORATING THE GYM CLIP, TEAMS OF FOUR FROM YOUR FAVOURITE GYM BATTING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM  
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# Community Notices

## Chess on the Hill U18 Junior Tournament



Saturday March 23 10am-12pm

@ The Old Church on the Hill  
36 Russell St Quarry Hill

5 x 10 minute games- gold coin donation for entry

\*Chess on the Hill meets every Saturday 10am -12pm for fun, social chess

For more information call Andre on 0409 848 829



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Bendigo school children**

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STRATHFIELDSAYE

AUSKICK CENTRE

Tannery Lane Complex

Sundays 9am starting 5th May



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)



# Community Notices



## PRD 2024 Easter Colouring in Comp!

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

Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1 ENTRY PER CHILD AGED 12 YEARS OR YOUNGER. 25 THE DRAWING MUST COLOUR IN THE SPACE AND RETURN IT IN PERSON TO PRD BENDIGO BY 22/03/2024. 25 ALL DRAWINGS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF ONLY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. THE WINNING DRAW IS SELECTED BY 22/03/2024. THERE ARE THREE PRIZES TO BE WON IN TOTAL. PRIZES ARE: 1. AGES 4 AND UNDER: \$50. 2. AGES 5-8: \$100. 3. AGES 9-12: \$150. PRIZES ARE THOSE INDICATED IN TOTAL. 25 THE DRAWING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE EVENING OF 22/03/2024. ALL DRAWINGS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR A FINAL ENTRY.



ARTISTS NAME AND AGE :