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Friday 19 April

## Principal's Report

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

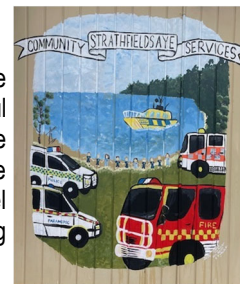
**Official Opening of Our Inclusive Playspace** On Friday, I had the pleasure of leading the official opening of our wonderful new inclusive playspace and it was great to see so many parents and community members in attendance for this special event. As part of the opening, Heather and Keith, two members of the Ryall family who kindly donated \$50,000 towards our new playground, and Leon and Gerry, representatives from the Commonwealth Bank who awarded our school \$10,000 from our successful grant application, unveiled a plaque which acknowledges everyone who contributed funds towards the building of our new playground equipment., including the Ryall Family, the Commonwealth Bank, our school Community fundraising efforts and an amazing \$180,000 from our successful Victorian Government Inclusive Schools Grant funding. It is so great to finally have this playspace open and available for our students to enjoy.

**ANZAC Day Commemorative Ceremony** At 2.30pm on Friday 26 April, our School Captains and Junior School Councillors will be conducting our ANZAC Day Commemorative service. This year we will hold our ANZAC service on our new grass area at the back of our school. Although our Premier, Jacinta Allen, wasn't able to join us for the official opening of our inclusive playspace last week, she has put time aside to join us for our ANZAC day Ceremony next Friday afternoon where she will also give a little speech after our students have conducted the commemorative service and then unveil an additional plaque on our new playspace, so if you have time we would love you to join us for this very special occasion.

**School Council AGM Update** On Tuesday 19 March, we held our School Council Annual General Meeting for 2024 and we welcomed our elected members - Karlie Baker, Crystal Baulch, Andy Clark, Alex Forrest, Jo Grace, Kim Kohlman, Alana McCulloch, Kathryn McGibbon, Hamish McIntosh, Carleen Pickett, Cherie Walker, Sarah Wilson. [The Annual Report to the School Community on the 2023 School Year](#) was presented to the school council and elections took place to determine office bearers for the year. Our elected office bearers for the 2024-25 School Council term are as follows: President - Kim Kohlman, Vice President - Alex Forrest, Finance Committee Convenor - Hamish McIntosh and Minute Secretary Nic Hargreaves.

### Community Service Mural and Outdoor Learning Area Artwork

This week two teams of our Grade 6 students worked with our art teacher, Mrs West and one of our parents, Sarah Macumber, (otherwise know as Sarah the Painter) to create a wonderful mural in recognition of our local community service volunteers and they also decorated the concrete blocks in our outdoor learning area. These two teams have done amazing job and we are very proud of their achievements under the guidance of Sarah and Mrs West. Please feel free to wander through and have a look at these beautiful artworks next time you are picking up your students from school.



**Baby News and Teacher Changes** I am pleased to let you know that Ms Britt Shannon and her partner, Kyle, have welcomed a beautiful little girl, Maxey, tino their family just before the school holidays. Although Maxey arrived a little earlier than planned, both she and Britt are doing well. As Britt has now started her family leave, one of our experience teachers, Ms Georgie Freeland will be taking on Britt's classroom role and will be working in Room 24 each Wed afternoon, Thu and Fri. Another of our experienced teachers, Aaron Collins, will take over from Britt's Primary Maths Science Specialist team role and we will be welcoming Laura Trembath as the new teacher for Room 16 each Mon, Tues and Wed morning, while Mr Collins is working in his PMSS leadership position.

### Other Important Updates

- Thanks to all families who have submitted their Colour Run prizes. The prizes should be here in the next 2 weeks.
- After trialling a new timetable last term, we have decided to return to our previous structure so our lunch break will once again take place from 11.10am - 12.00pm and our recess break will be held from 2.00pm - 2.30pm each day.
- As we are heading in to the cold season, please remember that children with cold like symptoms should remain at home until they're symptom free, and if you need any COVID Tests at anytime, they can be picked up at the office.

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

## School Council

### Principal

Cindi Bruechert

### President

Kim Kohlman

### Vice President

Alex Forrest

### Finance

### Committee

### Convenor

Hamish McIntosh

### Minute Secretary

Nic Hargreaves

### Parent Members

Karlie Baker

Crystal Baulch

Alana McCulloch

Kathryn McGibbon

Carleen Pickett

Sarah Wilson

### DET Members

Jo Grace

Cherie Walker

Nic Hargreaves

### Community

### Members

Andy Clark



# Important Dates



Strathfieldsaye  
Primary School

# TERM 2 CALENDAR

Apr 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official Playground Opening 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Apr 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anzac Day—Public Holiday</li> </ul>
Apr 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anzac Day Assembly 2:40pm</li> </ul>
Apr 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Market 9-1pm</li> </ul>
Apr 29th—May 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholastic Book Fair</li> </ul>
May 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divisional Cross Country</li> </ul>
May 8th-10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mothers Day / Special Persons Stall (8:30-9am &amp; 3:30-4pm)</li> <li>Assembly 2:40pm</li> </ul>
May 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canteen special lunch</li> </ul>
May 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mothers Day Breakfast (May 10th 8:30-9am)</li> <li>Walk Safely to School Day</li> </ul>
May 14th -15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 4 Camp—Campaspe Downs</li> </ul>
May 13th-17th	<p><b>Education Week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Information Sessions (Tue May 14th at 9:30-11am &amp; 6-7pm)</li> <li>Open Classrooms (Wed May 15th 9-11am)</li> <li>Special Persons Hour including our Biggest Afternoon Tea raising funds for the Cancer Council (Fri May 17th 2:30-3:30pm)</li> </ul>
May 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simultaneous Storytime 12pm</li> </ul>
May 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 3 Evening Camp Excursion</li> </ul>
May 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly 2:40pm</li> </ul>
May 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Market 9-1pm</li> </ul>
May 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Cross Country</li> </ul>
Jun 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Division Soccer</li> </ul>
Jun 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canteen Special Lunch</li> </ul>
Jun 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum Day—Pupil Free Day</li> </ul>
Jun 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kings Birthday—Public Holiday</li> </ul>
Jun 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior School Council Out of Uniform Day</li> </ul>
Jun 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly 2:40pm</li> </ul>
Jun 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPS Trivia Night - Adults Only</li> </ul>
Jun 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Market 9-1pm</li> </ul>
Jun 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 1 Discovery Centre Excursion—TBC</li> </ul>
Jun 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAIDOC Activities</li> <li>Term 2 Finishes at 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Jun 29th—Jul 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holidays</li> </ul>

## Student Wellbeing

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: 'The Power of School Belonging'



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.





Hello families and welcome back to Term 2!

I have added new items to the canteen menu. Additional items are; Chicken Nuggets (GF Option available), Corn Cobs (GF), Choc coated Rice Cakes, (GF)

You will notice a slight price increase on some of the items. It is certainly not something we enjoy putting into place, but unfortunately with the constant rise of cost of ingredients and packaging, it is a must.

I would like to thank each and every volunteer that has given their time to help in the canteen since I have been at the school. It makes the children so excited to see their loved ones helping in the canteen, please remember you get a free lunch for one of your kids when you help out.

I would like to hold an open day on Monday 22nd April from 9-10 am for any parent that would like to have a sticky beak into what is involved and what is required to volunteer in the Canteen on a daily basis. We are only needing help from 9-11.30am Tuesday to Friday. We always need extra hands on our special lunch days and special event days too. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to be involved. In exciting news, I have ordered a commercial coffee machine is making it's way to the canteen – more information to come soon on Compass. Jade - Canteen Manager 0405 825 850



## 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**.

# YEAR SEVEN

## Transition Events

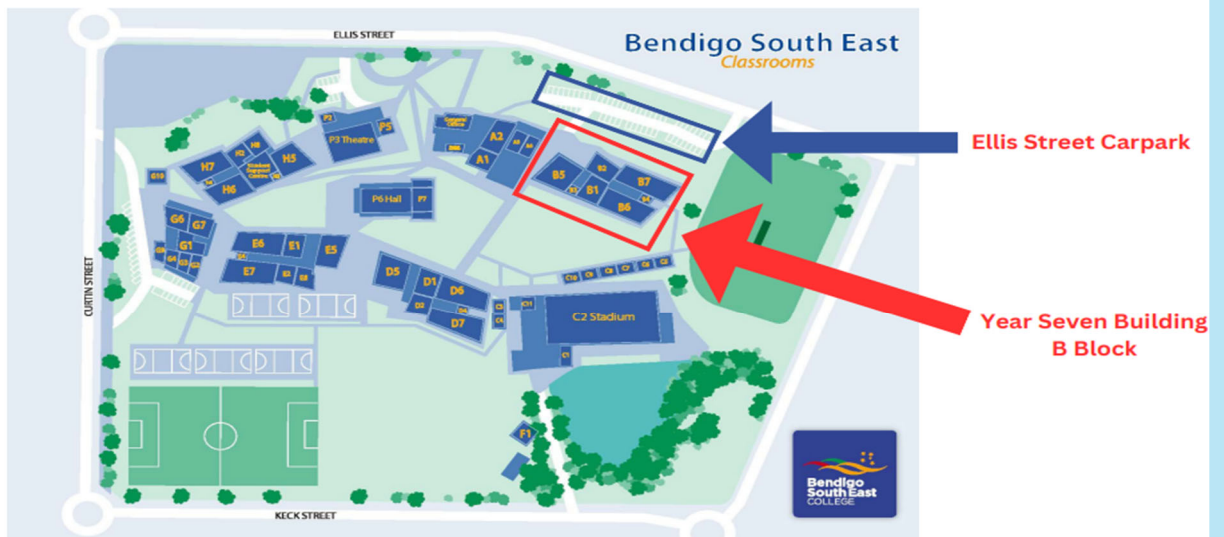
- May 6th - 10th 2024*  
**BSE SCHOOL TOURS**  
 Schools tours with BSE College Principal Glen Donald will be conducted from 6th - 10th May 2024. Families can now book via the BSE Website.
- Monday May 6th 2024*  
**INFORMATION EVENING**  
 BSE will hold an information evening for families looking to attend BSE in 2025 from 6pm - 7:30pm in our Year Seven B Block building entry via Ellis Street.
- Wednesday 8th May 2024*  
**ACADEMY OF CREATIVE ARTS OPEN DAY**  
 Parents are invited to view ACA Programs in action on Wednesday 8th May 2024. Families can book via the BSE website.
- Friday 10th May 2024*  
**APPLICATIONS OPEN**  
 Enrolment applications close on Friday 10th November.

- May 6th - 10th 2024*  
**ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OPEN WEEK**  
 Parents are invited to PROGRAM view ADP Programs in action from Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May 2024. Bookings can be made via the BSE website.
- Wednesday 18th September*  
**THE BIG SING**  
 BSE School Choirs will visit local Primary Schools on Wednesday 18th September 2024.
- Wednesday 20th November*  
**INFORMATION EVENING**  
 Parent information night to be held along with a scavenger hunt for students on Wednesday 20th November 2024 TBC.
- Tuesday 10th December 2024*  
**ORIENTATION DAY**  
 Year Seven Orientation Day Tuesday 10th December 2024.

## YEAR SEVEN INFORMATION EVENING

### Monday 6th May 2024

#### Location - Year Seven Building "B BLOCK"





# Opening of the New Playground





TheirCare Strathfieldsaye acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this nation and the Traditional Custodians of Dja Dja Wurrung land on which we work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



## Meet Our Staff

We are so excited to announce our team of educators!

**Ebony** - Our Coordinator who is in every session and is in charge of ensuring each session runs smoothly.

**Ella** - One of our educators who works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in our before and after school sessions.

**Becky** - Another educator who works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in our before and after school sessions.

**Max** - Our Wednesday and Friday Morning educator.

If you see us around please come and say hello!



## Welcome!

TheirCare is a fun and exciting place for your kids to learn and grow their social and emotional skills while getting to experience exciting new activities! We create a new program each week that encourages fun, courage and mess!

### Holiday Program Week 1

In our first week of Holiday program we got messy with a colour run! The kids loved covering the educators in all the colours of the rainbow! We also took an adventure to Maryborough to see Kung Fu Panda 4, and designed and created our own colourful marble pencil cases!

### Holiday Program Week 2

Week 2 saw our children learning all about space with a trip to the Bendigo Discovery Centre, with many children showing their bravery with the giant slide! They also showed off their creative side with spray painting tote bags, learning a hip hop dance and making their own delicious pizzas.



Learning a hip hop Dance!



Painting with Pineapple!

#### TIMES

Before School: 6:30AM - 8:45AM  
After School: 3:30PM - 6:30PM  
Holidays: 6:30AM - 6:30PM


#### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

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# Community Notices




**STRATHDALE HOCKEY**  
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## COME GIVE HOCKEY A GO!

**COME DOWN AND GIVE IT A TRY!  
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
@ HOCKEY CENTRE ON ASHLEY STREET, IRONBARK  
JUNIORS - 5:45-6:45PM  
SENIORS - 7-8PM**

**FOR ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE  
EMAIL: strathdalehc@gmail.com**



## INFORMATION | MULTI-SPORT

FOR PARENTS | PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.  
**This term we will focus on the following sports:**

✓ Cricket	✓ Netball	✓ Golf	✓ Soccer
✓ AFL	✓ Tennis	✓ Athletics	✓ Softball
✓ Hockey	✓ Ultimate Frisbee		

This programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

**For Prep – Grade 6 students.**  
**10 WEEKS REMAINING FOR \$160**  
Sign up at any time of the Term & only pay for the weeks remaining (\$16 per session).

**School: Strathfieldsaye Primary School  
Day: Monday  
Start Date: Monday 22nd April  
End Date: Monday 24th June  
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm**



**TERM 2 PROGRAM SPECIAL**  
Book your child's place for Term 2 and go in the running to win a Kelly Sports prize pack valued at \$100

**Website:** [kellysports.com.au/bendigo](http://kellysports.com.au/bendigo)  
**Contact:** Beau Cross  
**Email:** [beau@kellysports.com.au](mailto:beau@kellysports.com.au)  
**Phone:** 0428 326 924  
**Facebook:** Kelly Sports Bendigo



Looking towards 2024 Term 3

# PROPS THEATRE

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years  
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

## LOCATION

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Enrolments OPEN

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