Principal’s News

Thanks to everyone for the support this term. With the help of families we have been able to offer our students additional classroom support activities and programs such as the warm lunches and special activities at lunch time. There have also been many positive changes to our gardens and grounds as we work towards making our school a place we can all be proud of. Our Family and Friends group has raised significant funds, some of which have been allocated for classroom and library resources, some of which is being saved to contribute to larger school projects.

In the classrooms we are working hard to help our students want to be good learners, to help them find the best way to learn and help them make progress. As always, the support from you at home is vital to us achieving these goals.

As part of our school’s Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) we have been working to improve student outcomes in number and to create programs and practices that promote the wellbeing of our students. The Professional Learning undertaken by teachers on Monday supports all of these goals and we are looking forward to working our way through the many research-proven methods we can best use in our work.

Next term is another busy one with several whole school foci. The first week back our theme will be around Indigenous studies, followed by Celebrations (which will include the Olympics). The Prep/1 students will be participating in a gymnastics program, we have the spelling bee, Art Relay, the Bike Ed Challenge, the aths sports, Book Week Parade, Grandparents’ Morning, Dads’ Science Night, Jump Rope for Heart and Footy day and a book fair – just to name a few things. Our special phys ed extension program will be athletics. There will be a pupil free day on Friday 2 September.

Family and Friends will meet the last Friday of each month - Friday 29 July and 26 August. School Council Finance Committee will meet on Friday 15 July. Our first school council meeting is Monday 18 July at 6.00pm.

As mentioned our school will be used as a polling booth on Saturday 2 July and our Family and Friends group is hosting a sausage sizzle and cake stall. We are looking for volunteers to help man the BBQ and the cake stall and for donations of home baked goods for the cake stall. No fresh cream in cakes please. The stall and BBQ will operate from 9.30 for a 10.00 start and will finish at 12.30 or whenever everything is sold – whichever comes first. Could you please let us know by contacting Emma Brooks, Julie Goepel or the school if you are available to help.

I hope everyone has a great break from routine over the coming fortnight. Stay warm and healthy and we’ll be back in the swing of it on Monday 11 July.
AVON RIVER WALK

On the 17th of June the student leaders from our school went to the Garden of Harmony to meet up with students from St Pat’s. The idea of the meeting was give us the opportunity to work together to help make Stratford a better place for everyone.

Before St Pats got to the park our student leaders had a bit of a look around to see what could be done to make the Garden of Harmony even better. We planned a footpath so people didn’t walk on the road because at the corner where the cars drive there have been a lot of tragic incidents.

After St Pat’s got there we went down to a secret garden to plan a better garden. This was a chance for us to have a think about and say what we thought other kids might like to see in the garden.

We also had a look at the art work. There are decorative poles and a chair that was decorated. There was also an elephant made out of wood. The elephant was to represent the elephant that died on the way in to Stratford. There was also a grave that a family had dug for someone who died during the Avon flood.

By Kobi and Jack

(This activity was set up with the view of forming a Junior Landcare group in Stratford. Thanks to Nikki Bradley for co-ordinating the excursion. The JLC group would be open to other students being involved. More information to follow as the planning moves along.)

End of Semester Reading Reward

After reviewing all the reading logs from all the classrooms we have decided that our initial aim of 80 nights for the semester was a little high so the number students need to have reached to be able to join in the special Wheels Day reward is now 60. As you know reading days have been recorded in your child’s reading log or diary and have been calculated on a weekly basis by class teachers with students having a second chance at a special reward next semester when we start the count again. More details about next semester will be sent out in the first week back. We have been happy to hear the feedback from families about this semester’s trial and will certainly be taking the points raised into consideration.

The special Wheels Day will be held on Friday 22 July. Students are invited to bring their wheeled machines and appropriate safety gear on the day. More information to follow the first week back.

Family & Friends Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 2nd July Federal Election Day

Stratford Primary School is the official polling place on Election Day for Stratford.

Family and Friends are holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle on the day. Please drop off any cake donations between 10:00am to 1:00pm. No fresh cream in cakes and please add a list of ingredients that you have used. Helpers needed.

Contact Emma on 0409 865 047.
Hey Mum and Dad

Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program next term. Our Jump Off Day will be on Thursday 11 August. More information will be sent home early next term.

You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure. Jumprope.org.au

Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

Hi all,

We are looking at incorporating some art work into our Lizard Lounge and would love any donations of small rocks (around the size of your hand) if you have any available that you don't need.

We will be doing our project first week back next term, so donations can be sent in early next term.

Lost property

Has your child misplaced a jumper or two. We have an overflowing lost property bin in the sick bay. Please call in and check the tub.

Students inadvertently take home other students’ jumpers and jackets. Could you please check name tags and return clothing as soon as possible.

We try to return clothing to students but many items have no name or faded name.

Lunch Warm Ups

Our Microwave lunch warm ups continue on Tuesdays. Please make sure the lunches are in microwave proof containers and clearly named and marked with your child’s grade. Make sure you BYO all the bits and pieces your child may need.