Principal’s News

I hope everyone has had a great holiday break and that you are finding a way to enjoy the brisk weather at the moment.

We have a full term coming up as we continue to develop practices and programs that encourage our students to embrace the learning ‘wobble’. As part of our professional focus we have been investigating ways to help our students to be resilient learners who understand that being wobbly at the beginning of a learning journey is normal and that perseverance, asking for help to gain understandings and linking new learning with what they already know are just some of the tools they have at hand to help them be the best learners they can be.

Our theme for the term is Celebrations and Traditions and this week we have been investigating aspects of our indigenous culture. Yesterday we were very fortunate to welcome a number of indigenous visitors who led our students through a range of activities including art, dance and cooking, amongst others. Thank you to Emma Wragge and Lauren Meredith for coordinating this special week of activities. Thank you to Kim, Steve, Shontel and Aunty Sandra for volunteering their time.

This term we have a range of special extra curricula activities including the whole school spelling bee, our first Tournament of Minds competition for some of our year 5s and 6s, Wheels day reading reward, P/1 Gym program, Book Week Parade, a special athletics coaching program, Book fair, Dads’ Science Night, Grandparents’ morning, School Olympics, whole school Aths, tree planting for grade 4/5, Prep–2 Aquarium trip, a visiting performance group presenting the Hunchback of Notre Dame, and a Footy Day Fundraiser for Cancer Awareness. You will find a term planner with this newsletter. A copy will also be on the closed facebook page and we will provide updates as needed.

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, who manned the stalls and BBQ and who organised the fundraising BBQ and Cake stall on Election day. Over $500 was raised on the day. What a fantastic effort. Thank you also to the people who helped make the school grounds look neat and tidy. The working party groups are really making a difference to the overall look of our school.

Buckle up – we’re off again!

Have a great week.

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting is on Monday evening, 18 July at 6.00 pm in the staffroom. Please let us know if there is anything you would like raised.

Sent home today:
School photos
P-2 Aquarium excursion expression of interest
Term 3 planner
Jump Rope For Heart Sponsorship form and information letter
Wheels Day note for reading reward
(see note on page 2)
School Doorbell
As you will be aware our school office is unattended on Mondays so to manage the safety of our students and the school the front door needs to be locked as there is no one in that area of the school on the day. Thanks to Dave Hooper we now have a doorbell at the front door so if you need to come in to the building all you need to do is ring the doorbell and someone will come and let you in. **The office will still be unattended so there will not be anyone who will be able to help you with finance or more indepth matters** but we are hoping it will be easier for families and students who need to gain access. The side gate will no longer be open. Thanks to Sandra for the suggestion.

Prep-2 Aquarium Trip
The Aquarium trip is the big out of school event for our Prep-2s and we are now at the point where numbers need to be finalised. P-2 families will find an Expression of Interest Form with this newsletter that we need returned by Friday 22 July at the latest. Booking for the trip will be made that day so it would be greatly appreciated if the form could be returned by then. Places will be available for interested parents/guardians but unfortunately we are not able to accommodate other children. If you have any questions after reading the Expression of Interest form just give us a call.

Reading Reward – Wheels Day
Next Friday 22 July students who met the target for reading in semester one are invited to bring along ‘wheels’ of their choice for sessions of freewheeling at school. All safety gear should be provided. All wheeled activities require a helmet. If your child met the target he or she will receive a note outlining the day. The note will be with this newsletter.

Trashless Tuesday
Next Tuesday 19 July, students who are trashless on the day may wear casual clothes. Students who have the plastic zip lock bags will need to make sure they are put back in their bags (these bags seem to be multiplying in the yard!) Let’s hope we are 100% trashless on the day.
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.

Congratulations to Tyra Macklin who was one of the 36 primary school girls from Victoria who were selected to try out for the Victorian cricket team. Tyra travelled to the MCG during the holidays but narrowly missed out—However this has made her even more determined to try out again next year. Excellent effort Tyra!!!

Jump Rope For Heart
For the next three weeks all students will be practising their skipping skills in readiness for our “Jump Off’ Day which will be held on Friday 5th August. To support this worthy cause, we encourage all families to think about donating to this organisation and help fundraise. Look at the link below to begin your fundraising. More information is attached to this edition of Stratchat.
http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Stratford-Primary-School-STRATFORD-VIC-121785

P/1 Term Focus

Literacy
- Recounts (holiday and weekend)
- NAIDOC Week activities
- Narratives and Dreamtime stories

Numeracy
- Sharing items evenly into groups
- Time – days of the week, months of the year, o’clock, half past

Social Skills
- Bounce Back. B = Bad feelings always go away again; O = Other people can help you feel better if you talk to them

Unit Work
- Celebrations and Traditions – Olympics

School Photos
If you have ordered school photos they will be with the items being sent home with this newsletter. Photos available to order are on display in the school foyer. Cost $17.00 each
⇒ Student leadership
⇒ Whole school
⇒ Grade 6 Graduation

Bike Challenge
The annual bike challenge will be happening later this term. Any student in grade 3 to 6 are encouraged to participate in the trials. More information will be sent out at a later date. So get those bike ready to ride!!!

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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.

School Banking News

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program parent pack from the school office.

EID FESTIVAL

A community family event to celebrate Eid

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We ask for a gold coin donation per family to enter and participate in the Eid Festival activities.

Remember to wear warm clothing, as some activities may be outdoors.

More information
For further information, please contact:

Relationships Australia Victoria on 1800 006 555 or email: traralgon@rar.org.au
United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley:
access.muslimsisters@gmail.com
www.unitedmuslimsisters.org/UPSLV-478419088657072

Grade 5 Transition Day

Thursday 28th July
10.15am-1pm
Sale College Guthridge Campus
This is for Grade 5 students thinking of coming to Sale College in 2018.
If you would like to attend please contact the school on 5144 3711.