Principal’s News

Welcome to our new families

We welcome four new students since our last newsletter. Laura and Jayden have joined our 5/6 class, Tristan has joined our 4/5 class and Addy is with our Prep/1s. We hope that Stratford Primary provides you with great learning, good friends and happy memories.

Book Week dress up Day

Don’t forget that Monday is the launch of our special Book week activity week. We are planning to start with a big bang with everyone getting into the swing of it all with a dress up day. The theme of the Book Week this year is Australia! Story Country. We’d love to see everyone dressed up as a character from an Australian story or poem – we may even see the Man from Iron Bark somewhere along the way.

We have our book fair also planned for next week. Each class will have some viewing time during the week and students may wish to bring home the name of something they may like to purchase. You are most welcome to come in and browse as well. The fair will be set up in the library.

Grandparents and Special friends Morning

Next Friday 19 August we are inviting any grandparents or special friends to come along to our assembly and to visit classrooms. Our visitors will be able to see the great work being completed by our students and will be invited to stay for morning tea in the dining room. After recess we will be holding our own school mini Olympics with lots of fun games to be played. To help us with catering it would be appreciated if you could return the RSVP form that is with this newsletter or send a text to 0417 161 332 or by leaving a message on the closed Facebook page.

VicSpell

Congratulations to all our spelling bee participants. What a great effort to stand in front of everyone and be calm and cool and spell without paper. Well done to Chelsea (prep), Josh (prep), Emma (gr 1), Riley (gr 1), Katie (gr 2), Charlie (gr 2), Ava (gr 3), Lochie (gr 3), Elise (gr 4), Riley (gr 4), Kaitlin (gr 5), Kobi (gr 5), Keira (gr 6) and Mangi (gr 6) for making it to first and second place in their year level. On Monday Keira, Mangi, Kobi and Kaitlin competed in the district rounds of the VicSpell competition at St Mary’s in Sale. They represented themselves, their family and our school so well, showing positive attitudes, great manners and again managing the pressure of the competition. We’re very proud of their efforts.

STRATCHAT

Acceptance        Respect        Commitment        Honesty

Calendar

August
Sat 13 ~ ToM practice 10-2
Mon 15 ~ Book Week & Fair & Book Parade
Wed 17 ~ P/1 Gym 11.30-12.15. last session.
Thurs 18 ~ Gr. 6 TransAction Day to Maffra SC
Fri 19 ~ School Olympics & Grandparents Day
Sat 20 ~ Tournament of Minds — Churchill
Wed 24 ~ HDSSA Athletics
Fri 26 ~ Pupil Free Day

September
Thur 1 ~ Fathers’ Day Stall
Fri 2 ~ Pupil Free Day
Tue 6 ~ Division Athletics
Fri 9 ~ P/1 & 2 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion
~ Bike Ed Challenge (Araluen)
Fri 16 ~ Footy Colours Day
Cancer Awareness fundraiser ~ Footy Tuck-shop
Last day term 3

Students dismissed at 2:30pm
~ School Banking Day - Tuesday

Our next Coffee & Chat will be the first Friday of term 4
Friday 7 October

Stratchat will be published on:
Friday 26th August, Friday 16 September

Dads’ Science Night & Grandparents and special friends morning tea
RSVP note—page 5 of Stratchat

BOOK FAIR
Our annual Book Fair will held in the library all week. Come in and have a browse.
Dads’ Science Night
Next Thursday 18 August is our Dads’ Science Night. Dads (or granddads or uncles or older brothers etc) are invited to a night of experiments and concoctions. Come and play with your kids from 6.00-8.30. There will be a sausage sizzle on the night. For catering purposes could you please complete the RSVP form with this newsletter.

School Olympics
As one of the special activities around our Olympics and Celebration theme this term we are holding a mini school Olympics next Friday 19 August. These Olympics will be held from 11-12 on Friday. Our grandparents and special friends are invited to stay and watch and we invite any family members who would like to come along too.

After School Care
If you were interested in after school care but haven’t had a chance to return your expression form could you please either text, call or comment on the school’s Facebook page by next Wednesday. We will be confirming numbers with Kilmany so that we can proceed to the next step of the process.

Tournament of Minds
Good luck to our ToM team. Keira, Lillijanah, Jessie, Elise, Lauren and Riley as they head to the Tournament of Minds regional competition on Saturday 20 August. The team has been working hard, giving up their lunch times, after school and weekends getting ready for the day. Thanks to Jenny Nowak for co-ordinating the team and to our valued advisor, Sue Morton. As mentioned before, this is a new project for everyone involved and I’m sure we will learn a lot in readiness for 2018.

Have a great week.

Bike Challenge Try-outs
What a wonderful turn out for our bike ed. team try-outs. Close to 40 students displayed their skills over three lunchtimes, making the decision to select a team very difficult.

This year we will have two teams in training which is absolutely wonderful. Team selection will be announced this afternoon.

Practice will commence next week so bikes need to be at school on Monday.

Parent Update Term 3, 2016
Dear Prep/1 Parents,
Here is a short snapshot of what we will be focusing on for the next couple of weeks.

Literacy
- Recounts (weekend)
- Procedural texts (e.g. how to make...) You may like to discuss procedural texts that you have at home, such as recipes, Lego

Numeracy
- Number – before and after, place value
- Time – days of the week, months of the year, o’clock, half past

Social Skills
- Bounce Back. U = Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again

Unit Work
- Celebrations and Traditions – Olympics

Lost property
Has anyone lost an item of jewellery? We have a few items in the school office.

School Doorbell
Please use the doorbell on Mondays after 9:00am as the office is unattended.

School Photos
Photos available to order are on display in the school foyer. Cost $17.00 each
- Student leadership
- Whole school
- Grade 6 Graduation

Wanted!!
Do you have any white 4 litre square ice cream tubs?
The school is after 20 of these tubs for the Breakfast Program. If you have a tub you could donate would you please drop them into the school office. Thank you.
**Jump Rope For Heart**
A very successful Jump Off Day was held last Friday with the entire school skipping around 12 different activities.

The improvements in skills and personal fitness has been amazing. Thanks to the families who raised money for the Heart Foundation.

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**Jump Off**

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**Tournament of the Minds ToM Timetable**

- **Saturday 13 Aug.** 10-2.00
- **Monday 15** 1:35-3.30
- **Tuesday 16** 1.10-4.30
- **Wednesday 17** 1.10-3.30
- **Thursday 18** 1.35-4.30
- **Friday 19** 1.35-2.00
- **Saturday 20** ToM

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**Reminder**

Grade 5\6 & 3\4 camp deposits were due Friday 5th August.
1st instalment is due Friday 19 August.

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**Avon Landcare Group** warmly invites the communities of Stratford Primary School and St Patrick’s Primary School to come together for an after-school planting event,

**Friday 19th August, 4.00pm - 6.00pm**

at Sandhill Road, Stratford.

Enter from Sandhill Rd. - entrance will be marked - parking available on site.
Equipment will be provided but please note - there’s no toilet facilities on site!

Contact Harry on 0408 033 559 for more information.

We hope to see you there!
MAFFRA BLUE LIGHT
MAFFRA PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM
ENTRY VIA THOMSON ST, MAFFRA
5.30-8PM | GRADES 3 TO 6
$5 ENTRY

CONTACT LEADING SENIOR CONSTABLE KIM KELL 03 5142 2200

WELLINGTON BLUE LIGHT - VICTORIA
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO USE THE PRICE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13.

NETBALL VICTORIA CLINIC
Monday 19 September 2016

VENUE
Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre, Mckean street, Bairnsdale

TIME
10.00am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-4.00pm

AGES
8-12 years 10.00am-12.30pm
13 & over 1.30pm-4.00pm

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Maffra Science Expo!
Maffra Secondary College proudly presents

Thursday 18th August, 2016
Maffra Memorial Hall
Day Session: 2:00pm to 3:15pm
Evening Session: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Maffra Secondary College is excited to showcase the fantastic work of our Year 8 students created through our acclaimed and award winning Broadening Horizons Project. Students have worked in teams of 2-3 to design, develop and test a scientific project of their choice, with support from an industry mentor.

Parents, families and the wider community are all welcome to join us in celebrating our students' achievements.
RSVP

**Dads' Science Night & Grandparents and Special Friends Morning Tea**

Family Name..........................................................................................................................................................

**Dads' Science Night**

We will have Dad (or other significant person) and ................. students attending Thursday 18 August, 6.00pm -8.30pm.

**Grandparents and Special Friends Morning Tea**

We will have ..................... Grandparents or special friends attending the morning tea on Friday 19 August.

**Please return by Wednesday 17 August**

or

leave a text message 0417 161 332

or

leave a message on the Closed School Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1021208537930068/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1021208537930068/)