STRATCHAT

Acceptance  Respect  Commitment  Honesty

Principal’s News

With the Paralympic games about to begin it is a great time to reflect on the potential and possibilities available to our students. Our growth mindset focus is aimed at building resilience and perseverance in learning and all aspects of life. It isn’t saying that things will be easy or that hard choices won’t need to be made but it opens up what is possible now to what can be possible with effort, attitude and hard work. It’s about changing "I can’t do it" to "I can’t do it yet".

In building the growth mindset there are several key features that help students develop:

1. **Praise the process – not the outcome.** Research has found that telling someone they are an excellent reader, a brilliant footballer, a pretty girl etc, has the potential to limit the way people think about themselves. Instead we need to praise and encourage the effort, the perseverance and the have-a-go attitude that leads to improved learning.

2. As adults we need to model the language we want our students to hear and use. Saying that we are hopeless at something, that we’ve never been able to do something or that we are a failure can sometimes make it okay not to try. This can then be seen at school as students refuse to complete work because they don’t want to be seen as unsuccessful. As adults we might say something like - *I'm not very good at reversing a trailer – yet. I'll need to practise to get better when previously we might have just said I can’t reverse a trailer to save my life!* We need to encourage our students that we need to work at building our skills and knowledge and that we shouldn’t give up just because it doesn’t come instantly.

3. We need to encourage our students to think about the great things they can do rather than having them compare themselves and their skills to someone else. That doesn’t mean that they can’t admire and aspire to be as skilled or knowledgeable as someone else but that they need to be encouraged to work hard to develop those skills and understandings and to be proud of the improvements they make. We don’t want students to have the perception that they can only be good at certain things because someone else they know is more highly skilled or has a greater understanding in other areas.

I’m sure that many of the aspects of the Growth Mindset approach will not be news to you. All of these points work towards helping our students develop their resilience to life’s ups and downs, to giving them another tool to be confident and to recognise their self-worth, and to give them skills to get them through challenging situations – all things parents want for their children. If we can do this well it will also help our students be ready to face a world that has yet to be shaped and know that they are capable people who have the where-with-

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**Calendar**

**Term 3**

**September**

- Fri 16 ~Footy Colours Day
- Cancer Awareness fundraiser ~ Footy Tuck
- Last day term 3
- Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 4**

**October**

- Mon 3~ First Day Term 4
- Tue 4~ Prep/1 Swimming program commences
- Wed 5~ 2/3. Swimming program commences
- Fri 7~ Final 3/4 Camp payment due
- ~ 5/6 camp payment due
- Fri 21~ Final 5/6 Camp payment due

**November**

- Wed 16~ Fri 18 Gr. 3/4
- Coolamalong Camp
- Tue 22~ Fri 25 Gr.5/6
- Koroonda Park Camp

**December**

- Thur 1 ~ School Disco
- 5pm-7pm (Time TBC)
- Fri 2 ~ Pupil Free Day
- Fri 9~ Thank you helpers morning tea
- Tue 20 ~ End of term 4
- 1:00pm dismissal
- ~ School Banking Day - Tuesday

**Reminder that school hats are now required for all outdoor activities in line with our sun smart policy.**

**School Doorbell**

Please use the doorbell on Monday after 9:00am as the office is unattended.

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**CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:50AM AND 3:40PM WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

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**Friday 9th September 2016**
P.O. Box 84 Stratford 3862
Website: www.stratps.vic.edu.au
https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/groups/1021208537930068/
Good luck to our bike ed teams heading to the bike ed challenge tomorrow.

Warm Lunches

Next week will be the last week for warm lunches. Thank you to all the people who have helped with this very welcomed program. We hope that we can bring this program back in terms 2 and 3 in 2017.

No cooking next week

There will be no cooking next week to allow Julie time to make the kitchen spick and span ready for term 4. Students will need their own lunch on cooking day.

Footy Day Fundraiser

Next Friday 16 December is our Footy Colours theme fundraiser day. This fundraiser is to raise funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation and is a cause brought to us by Taleah and Mathew Farthing. (See Taleah and Mathew’s article further on.) Students are invited to wear Footy colours for a gold coin donation to this worthy cause. Don’t forget that there will be a special lunch for those who have ordered and paid.

Taleah and Mathew’s Aunty Shanelle Bull, aged 33 years, gave birth to her daughter Halle. A week after giving birth to Halle, Shanelle was diagnosed with an aggressive form of melanoma. A fundraiser raised $100,000 in three weeks by more than 700 people. The money raised was to assist the family. Sadly, Shanelle passed away in the John Flynn Hospital while undergoing treatment.

Footy Colours Day directly supports Fight Cancer Foundation’s education support program, which works with major paediatric hospitals to keep kids with cancer engaged with their education.

The Book Fair books the students chose for the Library—Well done everybody!

Last day of term

Next Friday is the last day of term 3. School finishes at 2.30pm. Term 4 begins on Monday 3 October and finishes Tuesday 20 December at 1.00pm.

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,

**Tomorrow Friday 9th September, 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!

Have a great week 😊

all to be able to manage a range of situations.

So as the Paralympic games begin it is a great time to reflect on the mindset that many of these amazing athletes have developed to overcome their personal obstacles to get to this elite level. [https://www.paralympic.org.au/athletes/](https://www.paralympic.org.au/athletes/) This site lists all our athletes and mentions their disability and how it was acquired. Maybe we can all be inspired.
Division Athletics

Well done to our team of ten athletes who competed at the Division Athletics at the Grammar on Wednesday. Every student performed admirably and were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to Harry, Madi, Alyssa, Mangi and Laura who will now progress to the Gippsland Regional Championships next term. An awesome effort

Prep-1 Maths Morning Tea

Cordial, fairy bread, fruit and other nibbles were the flavour of the day on Wednesday when Prep/1 invited the 5/6 class to join us for a Maths Morning Tea. The Prep/1 class wrote shopping lists and formally invited a person from the other grade to join us in our party. We calculated the total number attending and then discussed how we would divide – or fair share – each type of food so that each plate would have the same amount. Fairy bread was divided into quarters, fruit portions calculated and cut up to ensure there would be the right amount and cordial measured out carefully. All the students had a wonderful time talking with their buddies and explaining or asking questions about the maths involved. And the best part is, we have some yummy ‘remainders’ for afternoon tea!

Local Sports News

Under 12s B grade Grand Final, which Stratford won. Scores were Stratford 50 v Sale City 3.

The game was played on Sunday 28th August!

Congratulations to all the team members.

Photo contributed by Kim Fisher.

Apologies: In the last issue of Stratchat it was mistakenly listed that the ToM article was written by Kaitlin. The article was written by Lauren & Riley D.
The Hunchback of Notre Dame was performed on Friday 29 August to a very enthusiastic and engaged whole school audience.

Prep/1 and 2/3 students wrote about and illustrated their responses to the play.
If you decide to attend this fun day during the holidays, please contact Emma Brooks on 0409 865 047 to book your place.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN
FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER
COST IS $20 PER JUMPER
OR COME ON THE BUS FOR $25
LEAVING AT 9:50AM
ADULTS $5.00 FOR BUS

Stratford Primary School Family & Friends are organising a fun bus trip to Jump and Climb in Traralgon on Friday 30th September.

We have booked a bus and have a limit of 57 seats. Spots on the bus cost $25 per person jumping and $5.00 for accompanying adult or car pool with friends for a cost of $20 per person jumping. We have a limit of 100 people for a jumping session 11am-12pm. Please note this is not for climbing.

Book your spot now at the office with payment.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you are coming on the bus we will meet at school at 9:40am and the bus will depart at 9:50am. We will return to the school around 1pm.

It is going to be a fun way to end the school holidays and for the kids to all catch up. Bring along your own snacks and drink bottle.

Emma Brooks—Family & Friends

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Yes we would like to come along to the ‘Jump & Climb’ fun day:

No’ of adults__________________________ Bus: Yes / No

Please circle

No’ Children__________________________

Adult name: __________________________

and contact number: _______________________

Payment enclosed: $__________
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC & ANZ HOT SHOT CHALLENGE

Monday 26th September – Wednesday 28th September 2016 at Maffra Lawn Tennis Club

9.00 am – 10.30 am each day

Come along and have some fun in the holidays, learn new skills and improve your tennis finishing with a Hot Shot Challenge Match. Ages: 6-16. All standards. Cost: $60.00.

For further information or bookings phone GIPPSLAND TENNIS COACHING
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