Principal’s News
What a great job our year 6s did when performing *Much Ado About Nothing* last week. Great costumes, lots of laughs from the audience, and reaffirming to hear the responses from the actors when they told of what they had learned and what they had enjoyed about the process. Thank you to Rachael Nicholls for her direction and co-ordination and to Lauren Meredith and Jenny Nowak for the missed lunches and extra rehearsals they have helped with. Congratulations to the year 6s from our school and St Pat’s for continuing a long tradition of collaborative work with the Shakespeare play.

You may have heard from your child that they were treated with a warm milo drink earlier this week. This was a practice for a program that is being led by Michelle Peverill. Thanks to the Peverill and Brooks families for the donation of a microwave and a fridge which will be used in the special Tuesday warm lunch day. Very soon students will have the opportunity to have their lunches warmed up on a Tuesday. A special note will come home with all the details before we begin so that everyone knows how the program will work. If you are able to help with the warm up preparations I’m sure Michelle would be happy to hear from you.

Next Tuesday we have our Open Day, which includes two enrolment tours – 9.30am and 2.00pm. Families are welcome to come and visit classrooms at any time during the day (or any other day) to see what your child is learning. If you know of any kinder students who will be starting school next year or families who are considering changing school please let them know and ask them to contact us to book into one of the tours or to arrange an alternative time.

Next Wednesday we have our school photo day. Photographers will be here at the start of the day and will take individual and class photos throughout the morning, ending with a whole school photo. Could you please make sure students are in full school uniform, including black shoes and plain black or white socks. Year 6s are asked to wear their year 6 t-shirt in readiness for the graduation photo. You will have already received your photo payment envelopes. Most students will have an individually labelled envelope. If you notice anything wrong about the envelope please let us know. Envelopes need to be back at school by photo day at latest. Payment options are listed on the package. Please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions and we will do our best to help.

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Our next Family and Friends meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th after assembly (9:20am roughly) in the dining room. Agenda up for discussion is results from Queensland raffle, Mothers Day stall and Shakespeare festival. Allocation of money and any next fundraisers. All parents/guardians are most welcome to attend our meetings.

Emma Brooks.

Shakespeare ‘Much Ado About Nothing’

For the past eight weeks the Grade 6s have been doing Shakespeare with Saint Pat’s. We did three performances one on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening. The grade 6s did a great job, so congratulations. By Jess

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**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Stratford Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form sent home and return it to school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) or contact Jenny Nowak on a Thursday or Friday.

Student have already been given a book log sheet. Spare copies are available in the library.

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**The Lizard Lounge**

**Our 2016 Garden Guru Team Project**

Stage 1 of the project. If you are in the school come over and have a look. Stage 2 is underway.

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**Shakespeare Day**
MAFFRA CARERS’ GROUP
Meetings held Feb - Nov providing information & support for people in various caring roles
If you know someone who could benefit - please feel free to extend a welcome to come along
We hope to see you there!
Maffra Hospital 48 Kent Street in the Community Meeting Room.
Bring a plate to share
Contact people – Pam S 5145 5417 & Thelma C 5145 1387 1pm – 3pm on 16 May.
Speaker on Wills & Estate

Segue Cafe in Stratford will host a walk through the Stratford Arts Trail with lunch afterwards on Thursday 19 May from 10.15am to 1.00pm to celebrate volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week. All welcome. For more information, phone Segue Cafe on 0413 647 557

Free legal help with child support
Victoria Legal Aid’s Child Support Legal Service is visiting near you.
We provide advice about child support and paternity testing.
We also present free community legal information sessions upon request. The Child Support Legal Service:
• is independent from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support).
• provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

For legal help and to check eligibility for an appointment, call 1300 792 387.

Bairnsdale & Sale dates:
Monday 19 September
Tuesday 22 November

Lego Club @ Stratford Library
Dates & Times: On the third Friday of each month from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Do you love all things to do with Lego and would like to meet other Lego fans?
Come and join in the fun as we brainstorm and build totally awesome creations!

Net set go is on at the Stratford footy oval netball courts on Mondays. Time 3:45-4:45. Aiming at kids aged 5-7 years, ball skills and introducing netball. Cost is $60 and registration is online via anznetsetgo
http://netsetgo.asn.au/
For any questions please call Lauren Brown on 0439944029.