Principal’s News

We hope the mothers and other special guests enjoyed the high tea last week.

Have a great week. We are very proud of our students, who rehearsed and performed very well. Thanks to Julie and the cooking parents who helped with the food and to the people who helped clear up at the end of the morning. We have received some feedback and would welcome your thoughts so that we can plan for next year. Please feel free to send a text, email or a written comment if you would like to make your thoughts known.

We are continuing our journey in gaining understandings of the growth mindset approach to learning. The growth mindset approach and challenging learning are the Wellington Schools’ Network focus over at least the next three years. There are many components to the approach with the aim of improving resilience in learners. In a nutshell the growth mindset approach is about helping learners realise that it’s okay not to know everything yet, that intelligence is not fixed – new learning can take place, new skills can be developed and new pathways can be established in the brain. The approach views ‘failure’ as just a step to be overcome and not something that should be used by anyone to decide how intelligent they are.

We have much to learn about this approach and over the coming months we plan to share what is happening in classrooms, what we are doing differently to help students and offer some information and suggestion you may like to try at home.

You may like to have a look at this link which provides a summary of the Growth Mindset idea.


On Monday 20 June all our teaching staff will be attending a professional
Parent Teacher Interviews will be offered on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 June from 1.45 – 6.00pm. Notes have been sent home. Please contact us if you need more information.

Family & Friends News

Queensland Holiday Raffle

Winners
1st Prize Val Thomas
2nd Prize Yvonne Higgins
3rd Prize Chris Slattery
4th Prize Ian Potter

We have raised $984.46 from the Queensland Holiday raffle.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and/or sold one. Every ticket sold helped us to get to this amazing amount raised. And we have given away a fantastic holiday to Queensland worth over $2900. Plus over another $400 in vouchers and prizes.

I would like to thank the following businesses for donating prizes for 2nd-4th prize.
And I would also like to thank all the businesses that let us place raffle tickets on your counter to sell.

For all those families that sold a complete book of 20 tickets they have gone into the draw to win an ipod mini and the winner was: Ruby Johnston
We also had a second prize of cinema tickets and the winner was: Trolove Family
And lastly every student has been given a wristband to thank you for such a great effort.

From Emma Brooks, Family & Friends president.

Grades 5/6 Karoonda Park Camp 22-25 November

Students in years 5 and 6 will find an expression of interest form for this year’s camp with this newsletter. We are now at a point where we need to get an idea of numbers attending and we need a response returned by Friday 3 June at the latest. No money is required at this stage as the cost may alter depending on the numbers. The form is yellow and the response form is at the bottom of the note. Please check the Stratford Families closed Facebook page or contact us if you need another form.

Volleyball

Our current specialist sports program is volleyball. The program started this week with all classes attending a session in the stadium. The program features skill development and modified games. The program continues for the next three Thursdays.

Garden Planning Meeting

A meeting will be held at 1.15 on Tuesday 7 June for anyone interested in being a part of a group to come up with a plan for the design of the various garden beds around the school. Our Garden Gurus team will be gathering ideas from the students and there is a feedback form with this newsletter for anyone who would like to make suggestions. It is envisaged that the meeting with go for around 45 minutes with some recommendations to be put to school council for the grand plan. Give us a call if you like or just turn up on the day.
Winter Sport News

T-Ball—On Tuesday 24 May we went to Heyfield on oval two for T-Ball at winter sports. We played four games and we won the last two. The ball was really hard. We weren’t the best at the start of the day but we improved later on. It was rally fun. By Harry and Zac

Netball—On Tuesday the 24 May the grade 5/6s went ot Heyfield fro the winter sports. They had a choice of playing on of three sports and netball was on of them. We were in a team of seven people with two from Boisdale. We played against Heyfield, St Mary’s, Briagolong and Rosedale. We won three games out of four and came an overall 3rd by percentage. By Keira and L

Football— We won two games out of four. We joined with Saint Pat’s and we played against Heyfield, Briagolong, St Mary’s and Rosedale/Boisdale. Both game that we won were the best. We beat Briagolong 46-0 and Rosedale /Boisdale 20-7. By Kobi and Jacob

Division Cross Country
Well done to Madi and Jessie who ran in the Division Cross Country at Yarram last week. Both Girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Great effort girls!!

SCHOOL WORKING BEE
FRIDAY THE 3RD JUNE
1.30PM – 3.30PM
WE WILL BE WEEDING, PRUNING & TIDYING UP AROUND THE
FLAG POLE. ALSO A QUICK TIDY AT THE FRONT OF THE OFFICE
WHERE WE PLANTED LAST YEAR.
ANY SPARE TIME YOU HAVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED – WE
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD BRING ANY
GARDENING EQUIPMENT WE THINK YOU MAY NEED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE LOUISE.

Trashless Tuesday
First with 100% 5/6.
Congratulations.
Second with 88% 4/5
Third with 76% 2/3
Fourth with 64% P/1

Tuesdays Warm Winter Lunches
We will be running this program each Tuesday. Students will be able to bring along lunch that can be heated up in the microwave. The container must be clearly named and marked with your child’s grade and must be suitable to eat from. Please BYO own spoons or any other bits and pieces that your child may need. The service is just for heating up. Lunches will be collected and refrigerated from the beginning of the day and heated and returned to class in time for lunch. This is an optional opportunity so please feel free to stick to your normal lunch arrangement if you would prefer.

Thank you to Kim Fisher and the Peverill and Brooks families for the donation of microwaves and a fridge. Thanks to Michelle Peverill for co-ordinating this program and to Jan Ripper for her offer to help run the program.
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 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.

Lost Property

We have an overflowing lost property bin in the sick bay. If you have any lost jumpers please call in and check, most items have no name or names of ex-students. Could you please name your children’s clothes so we can return misplaced clothing and items promptly.

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday 28th of May

St Patrick's Campus Carpark
Desailly Street

8:30am to 1:00pm

All proceeds go to support the Marist mission in East Timor

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GARAGE ITEMS
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