

SCOOP

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Wayne McKenzie



Hello everyone! It has been great to have everyone back at school for the beginning of Term 2.

I am so excited to be in the role of Acting Principal for Term 2 and I am really looking forward to getting stuck into it. Thank you to everyone who has said hello and given me some words of encouragement when they have seen me around the school. I really appreciate your support. We have a wonderful school community and together we have built a great school to be a part of. I am so proud to play my part in not only keeping it that way but also continuing to look for ways to improve our school even more.

On that note, welcome to the first edition of The Strathmore Scoop. This will be a regular communication piece for our community, and we will be looking to get lots of different people contributing. Look out for your opportunity to get involved, starting with a link later in this edition to provide us with your ideas and opinions.

Already we have seen so much happening here at Strathmore Primary in just the first couple of weeks of term and there is plenty more to come. This term we have lots of sporting opportunities such as Cross Country, Interschool Sports and Alternate Sports such as Ten Pin Bowling in the senior school. We will continue to host Community Reading in the junior years and the Year 3/4 area too. Marvellous Maths mornings are back, and we are lucky to have our favourite Hip Hop instructor returning to provide an experience for students across the school. Our swimming program for Year 3/4 will take place later this term and I know that many of the students are very keen. Keep up to date with all of the events and celebrations we have this term by checking the Compass Newsfeed regularly.

We have been lucky enough to have had some sunshine to start the term, but we are now seeing the colder weather creep in. Make sure that you have plenty of warm clothing options, so you are ready to combat the winter cold. Our fantastic Parents' Club will be running second hand uniform sales throughout the term to support families with this.



Character ~ Inspiration ~ Connection ~ Endeavour

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 3

- May 6 - Hip Hop Program
- May 7 - Foundation Traffic School excursion
- May 8 - Pyjama Day
- May 9 - Mothers' Day Stall
 - Foundation Mothers' Day afternoon tea
 - Yr. 5/6 Sport

WEEK 4

- May 13 - Hip Hop Program
 - Foundation Tour
 - Plastic Oceans
- May 14 - Foundation Tour
 - Plastics Oceans
- May 15 - Foundation Responsible Pet Program
- May 16 - Yr. 5/6 Sport

When it comes to learning, Term 2 is jam packed. That goes for the adults as well as the students. There is lots to do and students will also be completing a series of learning tasks and assessments to support our teachers with writing student reports later in the term. Teachers work together to understand what students are capable of and identify the best way to push them further with their learning. We have lots of Professional Learning planned to keep us up to date with the best ways to do this. Our school will also receive Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results this term and our staff will use this information to continue to plan challenging and engaging units of work for our students.



So, as you can probably tell, we are going to be busy and that is just how we like it. We will continue to keep you informed about the learning and fun across the school through Compass. Remember that you can also use Compass to stay in touch. You can contact staff members directly and you can also notify the school about student absences. This is also the place to provide permission for events such as excursions and camps.

A quick Happy Mother's Day to all of the mums who do such a great job in our community.

Thanks for reading this first ever edition of The Strathmore Scoop!

Wayne McKenzie
Acting Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome to all our new and returning school council members! We are thrilled to have you join this important leadership team and look forward to the ideas, energy, and perspectives you will bring.

Taisia T, Carly A, Jarryn G, January H, Meredith B, Travis J, Kate K and Brendan F.

Your role is vital in helping shape a positive, inclusive, and thriving school community, and we are confident that your voices will make a meaningful difference.

Together, we'll work toward making our school the best it can be—for students, staff, and the wider community. Congratulations, and welcome aboard!

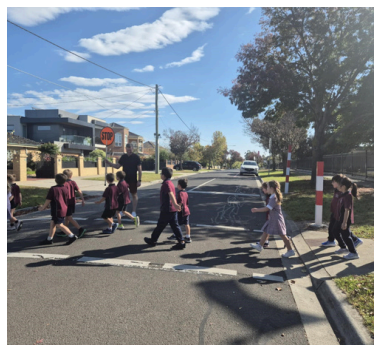
THANK YOU!

FOUNDATION NEWS

A fantastic first week of school in the Foundation Learning Community. Students learnt about the special significance of Anzac Day. They especially enjoyed making (and tasting) Anzac biscuits.



This term our Foundation students will be learning about the places and people in our Community. To launch our unit of Inquiry the Foundation students, along with a few helpers, walked to Napier Street to see and discuss the shops and services in our local community.



THE TERM AHEAD

Throughout term 2 Foundation students will have lots of fun experiences to help their learning with an upcoming excursion to Essendon Traffic School and visits from St John's Ambulance, The Responsible Pet Program and our local firefighters.

COMMUNITY READING

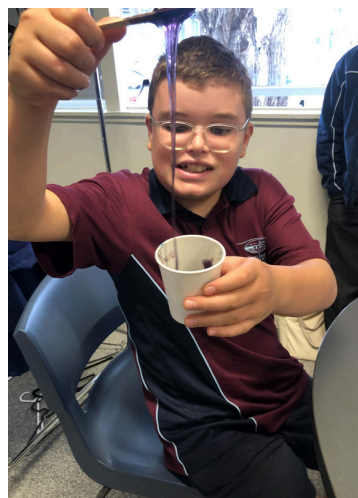
A big thank you to those community members who joined us for the first Community Reading for the term. It was great to see students and families sharing together in rich literature! Our next Community Reading session is planned for Friday 16th May (Week 4).

Please use the link on Compass to let the class know that you are coming to any future sessions and to help them prepare their session. We look forward to seeing you then!



YR 5/6 VISIT TO ROSEHILL

During week 2 of this term our Year 5/6s visited Rosehill Secondary to experience a day in the life of a Secondary Student. Primary schools from the area were treated to a musical performance put on by the students of Rosehill before attending classes such as Science, Art, PE, Humanities and Textiles. Here's what they had to say:



Making slime at Rosehill was fun.

We got to different sports with a different PE teacher. Some of the sports were prison ball, netball and numbers basketball. That session was our favourite. The PE was really good.

Rojbin and Rhea (5/6C)

Rosehill was great! It started with a performance with many bands and great music. Recess was amazing, we played basketball against Strathmore North.

Tom (5/6D)

At Rosehill I was happy because I felt that everything had been planned nicely. I really enjoyed Fashion Tecnology because making Pom Poms was fun.

Pearl(5/6A)

My day at Rosehill was absolutely great. Humanities was my favourite class because I learn that Egyptians Sun God is the Dung Beetle because it goes under ground during the night and climb up during the morning. I loved Rosehill.

Miette (5/6B)

RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week, held every year from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

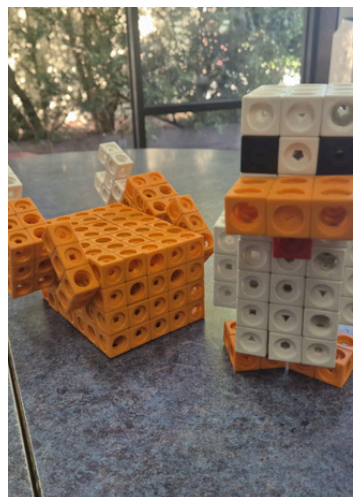


'CONNECT'

'CONNECT PLAY' AT SPS

'Connect Play' runs at lunchtime, Mon – Thurs in the BER with Ms Brown. 'Connect Play' provides opportunities for students to connect with each other and build relationships in ways that are inclusive, purposeful and thoughtful – another way we demonstrate our school value of 'Connection'.

Check out our students connecting with each other through activities like Lego, chess, board games, construction toys and drawing. If this is something that might interest your child, they are welcome to join Ms Brown in the BER for 'Connect Play'.



Thanks so much for taking the time to read our new publication, The Strathmore Scoop. We will be experimenting with the content over the coming editions and would love your feedback and ideas. Click here





SPS CROSS COUNTRY

What a fantastic effort from all our SPS cross country runners this year, completing their run around Alf Pearce Reserve on Friday, 2nd of May. We enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning out in the park with students from Years 3 to 6, doing their best for their Houses. Students competed in their age groups doing from 2 to 4 laps, with the top 6 finishers in the 10s, 11s and 12s age groups going on to the District Cross Country championships.

Thank you to our fantastic team of parent helpers. We can't run these events without your support. Well done also to the families who attended and coming out to cheer the students on.

Congratulations to all participants for their huge efforts on the day.



STAWELL GIFT

by Stella 5/6A



Stella running along side former student Tate J

My name is Stella, and I was lucky enough to run in The Stawell Gift. The Stawell Gift is one of the largest running events in Australia.

The Stawell Gift goes over 3 days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. I ran in the 100m, 400m, 800m and 1600m. I did the best in the 100m, where I came 2nd in the heat, so I made it to the semifinals, where I came 1st, and then the final, where I came 7th overall. It was so hard because I was running against 18-year-olds.

Greta J from 5/6A came 6th in her heat, which sadly means she didn't move on to the semis. The main event that everyone comes for is the 120m.

This year Bree Rizzo, Gout Gout and Lachlan Kennedy all came to run in the event.

It was an experience, and I hope to compete again.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

Each week we recognise students who display our School Values of Character, Inspiration, Connection and Endeavour.



WEEK 2

ITALIAN – Isa K

For demonstrating endeavour by trying hard with his matching task. He persisted and did not give up.

MUSIC – Liya D

For demonstrating the school value of **'Inspiration'** through her great concentration and effort during this week's music session. Well done Liya!

PE – Foundation A

For demonstrating the school values by working together and sharing to complete group activities this week.

FB – Aryan

Aryan demonstrated the school value of **'Inspiration'** for having a go and trying his best when writing. Well done Aryan!

1/2A – Sofia C and Sienna F

For displaying the school value of **'Character'** by welcoming and assisting a new student to our grade. Well done!

1/2B – Mehmet K

For demonstrating great **'Character'** by displaying a caring attitude with all class members.

1/2C – Tyler B

For demonstrating the school value of **'Endeavour'** by maintaining a wonderful attitude to his work in class this term.

3/4A – Christian R

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'** and **'Inspiration'** while building your community in Minecraft Education. It was fabulous to see your attention, especially when building the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Well Done on an amazing effort.

3/4B – Finn J

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'** and **'Endeavour'** through your persistence when solving addition and subtraction algorithms using your place value knowledge. It is great to see you always keen for a challenge. Keep it up, you superstar!

5/6A – Aydin C

For demonstrating the school value of **'Endeavour'** and **'Inspiration'** through your positive efforts to complete tasks at home and in your own time to ensure you're ready for learning. Well done!

5/6A – Lucas P

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'** and **'Inspiration'** through your increasing confidence and willingness to seek help to ensure you are achieving your best in class. Keep it up!

5/6B – Sophia K

For demonstrating the school value of inspiration. Sophia consistently approaches independent work with enthusiasm.

5/6C – Luca P

For demonstrating the school values of **'Connection'** and **'Endeavour'** by trying your best, asking for feedback, and being a caring and kind member of Strathmore Primary School as well as outside of school.

5/6D – Ryan G

For demonstrating the school values of **'Endeavour'** and **'Inspiration'** with your start to term two by coming back and setting high standards for yourself and taking your time to produce your best work. Well done, Ryan!