



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### WEEK 9

- Jun 16 - Yr 5/6 Scienceworks
- Jun 19 - Regional Cross Country
  - Yr 1/2 Game On
  - Direct Experience
- Jun 20 - Bake Sale
  - Community Reading
  - Special Assembly

### WEEK 10

- 27 Jun - Marvellous Maths

## LEADING THE WAY AT SPS

*by Ambrose Portelli*

At Strathmore Primary School we like to think that everyone can be a leader in some way. Staff, Students, parents/carers and community members can all help to lead and grow the effectiveness of our school.

Here at Strathmore Primary School, we have several opportunities for our students to be leaders, whether it's as a school captain or showing leadership in VAST.

VAST stands for Voice and Agency Student Team. This team is made up of elected members. Students were selected by their peers to represent their class on VAST. VAST meet weekly to discuss student centred school matters and/or organise to fundraising events for the school.

VAST members are responsible for reporting back to their grades. These students also assist the VAST staff members in making announcements at whole school assemblies when required. VAST is an active group at Strathmore Primary School. They provide students with a voice to take ownership over key aspects of the school and develop students' leadership capacity.

We always look forward to our weekly meetings and we enjoy our open discussions.



SPS VAST Leadership Group



Character ~ Inspiration ~ Connection ~ Endeavour

## VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM (VHAP)

VHAP stands for Victorian High Ability Program and centres around the subjects of Mathematics and English. It is a program designed to focus on tasks that stimulate students' critical thinking, problem solving and creativity – enriching their understanding of English and mathematics.

It is a select entry program. Students that have undertaken these courses feel a sense of achievement and agency as they take on weekly online sessions and keep up to date with follow up tasks. They have opportunities to learn with students from other schools and with different teachers.

The two current courses in the VHAP program are – 'Patterns: From Symbols to Secrets' (primary mathematics Years 5 – 6). The first course encourages students to solve problems which often have multiple solutions and multiple strategies. The second course is 'The Power of the Pen' (primary English Years 5 – 6). This course helps students explore the purpose and impact of writing, extending their story writing skills.

We have had many students over the years participate in the VHAP program and there will be many more opportunities in the future for students to get involved.



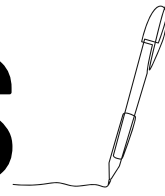
## SPS BEANIES ON SALE NOW

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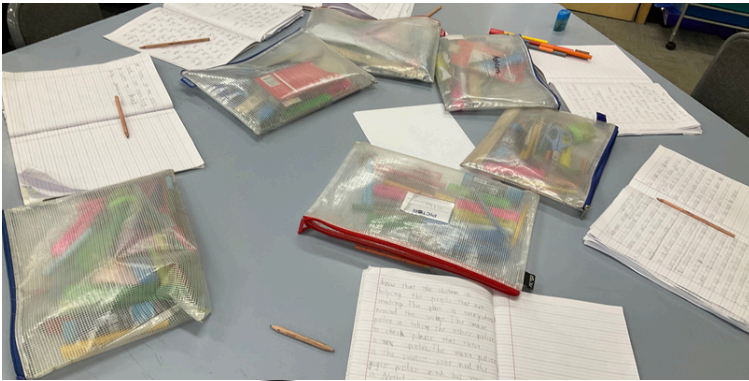


# VCES



## INVENTION & PLAY – THINKING LIKE A WRITER

Last week some of our Grade 2 students participated in a Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES) writing event called Imagination, Invention and Play: Thinking Like a Writer. It was facilitated by popular children's author and illustrator, Anna Zobel. Students had fun joining in on the many different writing activities and sharing their writing with one another.



I liked drawing the pictures to create our own character

*Grace*

I liked that we could share our thoughts with the author.

*Evie*

I really enjoyed the story writing part as we got to write our stories using our imagination

*Dayle*





# CONNECT@LUNCH

## CONNECT GAMES

On Tuesday and Friday we have Connect Games, where students can enjoy a board game, play chess, checkers, connect four and puzzles. This is run in the Community Learning Centre with Mr Portelli.



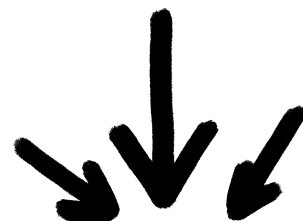
## CONNECT PERFORM

Every Monday lunchtime, in the music room students enjoy participating in a group called 'Connect Perform'. In this group students can participate in school choir practise, drumming and guitar playing with Mr Portelli.

Everyone is invited to these groups and make new friends or enjoy alternate activities with their usual friendship groups.

This is what our students think of 'Connect Perform':

I enjoy singing with my friends. The songs that we sing are popular and fun!  
I like singing. It makes me feel happy!  
I enjoy being part of the choir as I like performing to the school!



Look out at our assembly this Friday at 2:50pm to watch our choir perform live for you!



# SPS SPORTS



## SOCCER FINAL

The girls interschool sports soccer team had a great term of play, full of hard work, team spirit, and some big wins along the way. They made it all the way to the final. Despite some outstanding saves and great counter-attacking football they lost 4-1. All the girls gave it their all and never gave up. Even though they didn't get the result they wanted. The girls should be proud of how far they have come!

Shoutout to coach Lucy and all of the parents who came out to support



*SPS girls' soccer team*

## AFL FINALS



*SPS AFL team*

The interschool sport AFL team had an awesome season, dominating most of their games with skill, teamwork, and serious determination.

Unfortunately, in the end, they came up against a stronger side and were beaten by a couple of goals. While it was tough to lose in the finals, the team can still be proud of an incredible season and the way they represented their school.

## DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

On the 28th of May, eight students from SPS competed in a cross-country race against students from other schools across our division. All of the students ran really well and should be proud of their result, making it to district level is a great accomplishment!

Well done to Greta, Miette, Aubrey and Hudson for making it to this stage.

Good luck to Medha, Louella, Lenny and Stella who were competing today in the WMR stage of competition!





# CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES



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

## WEEK 7

### ART – Lennox B

For demonstrating **‘Character’** & **‘Inspiration’** by displaying a caring attitude with your classmates & completing tasks to a high standard.

### ITALIAN – Koumail M

Koumail showed fantastic **‘Endeavour’** with saying, recording and acting out his animal action sentence. Bravo!!

### MUSIC – Frankie H & Jesse H

For demonstrating of **‘Inspiration’** through your enthusiastic participation during choir rehearsals each week. Great singing!

### PE – Rhea K

For demonstrating **‘Endeavour, Connection, & Inspiration’** with the way you are consistently bringing your best effort, encouragement and positivity to every P.E. session! Well done Rhea!

### FA – Charlie C

For demonstrating **‘Character’** with his enthusiasm and effort on Community Helpers Day.

### FB – Jacob C

Jacob demonstrated **‘Inspiration’** and **‘Connection’** for his enthusiasm in his learning during ‘Community Helpers Day’. Well done, Jacob!

### FB – Tommy C

Tommy demonstrated **‘Inspiration’** and **‘Connection’** for his enthusiasm in his learning about community helpers and for correctly stating which events were emergencies. Well done, Tommy!

### 1/2A – Cleo L

For demonstrating **‘Endeavour’** & **‘Inspiration’** by giving new work ‘a go’ and doing the best you can. Keep up that positive mindset!

### 1/2B – Alisha S

For demonstrating **‘Inspiration’** through your positive choices and efforts to ensure you show your best self in class every day.

### 1/2C – Zoe K

For demonstrating **‘Character’** by completing all her learning tasks with a smile.

### 3/4A – Tongai M

For demonstrating **‘Character’** and **‘Inspiration’** for always working to the very best of your ability in all learning areas. Well done and keep up the amazing work.

### 3/4B – Darine O

For demonstrating the value of **‘Endeavour’** by continually trying your best, especially during literacy sessions and Big Write. It was fantastic to see you showing persistence when working towards your writing goals.

### 5/6A – Greta J

For demonstrating **‘Character’** through your positive mindset & attitude as you work through challenges. Your perseverance and resilience are amazing.

### 5/6B – Yves L

Yves demonstrated **‘Character’** & **‘Inspiration’** during Writing by showing enthusiasm, persistence, & creativity in her written work.

### 5/6C – Alessia R

For demonstrating **‘Character’** through your perseverance and positive and respectful interactions with others.

### 5/6D – Kutay C

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## WEEK 8

### ART – Greta J

For demonstrating the school values, particularly **'Perseverance'**. This was demonstrated in the fine detail she put into her reflective landscape painting in art.

### ITALIAN – Isa K

For demonstrating fantastic **'Endeavour'** with his drawing of il pappagallo!

### MUSIC – Oliver C

For demonstrating the school value of **'Inspiration'** by writing and performing a fantastic eight bar rhythm. Well done!

### PE – Mohamed T

For demonstrating **'Character'** through your positive mindset and attitude and respectful interactions with others.

### FA – Harper W

For demonstrating **'Character'** by always trying her best and cooperating well with others.

### FB – Jake H

Jake demonstrated the school values of **'Character'** & **'Connection'** for his enthusiasm, effort and for dressing up on 'Community Helpers Day'. Well done, Jake!

### 1/2A – Rupert T

For demonstrating the school values of **'Endeavour'** and **'Inspiration'** by persisting with tasks and doing your best and staying focused.

### 1/2B – Oliver H

For demonstrating **'Character'** through your positive mindset and attitude and respectful interactions with others every day.

### 1/2C – Nethil K

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

### 3/4A – Zaki H

For demonstrating **'Character'** & **'Inspiration'** for always working to the very best of your ability in all learning areas. Well done and keep up the amazing work.

### 3/4B – Joshua T

For demonstrating both **'Character'** & **'Endeavour'** through your amazing efforts in your literacy work this week. It was terrific to see you focused, asking questions and taking on feedback.

### 3/4C – Charlotte B

For demonstrating **'Endeavour'** by always striving and having a go even when things are challenging. Also, well done for always displaying the value of **'Character'** by being a wonderful role model in the classroom. Keep up the great work Charlotte!

### 5/6A – Yahya H

For demonstrating **'Character'** & **'Inspiration'** taking on feedback to ensure you show your best self in class and lead by example among your peers.

### 5/6B – Ulac I

For demonstrating **'Character'** & **'Inspiration'** during Mini Write sessions. You have consistently shown enthusiasm and perseverance. Well done on your excellent effort!

### 5/6C – Freya B

For demonstrating the school values of connection and endeavour by working hard towards trying your best, asking for feedback, and being a caring and kind member of Strathmore Primary School.

### 5/6D – Jaxson J

For demonstrating the school values of endeavour and inspiration in maths flexible groups by putting your best effort into out investigation, and thinking outside the box when faced with measurement problems. Well done, Jaxson, fantastic work!