



IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 6

29 Jul - VCES Event (Yr. 5/6)

30 Jul - VCES Event (Yr. 5/6)

30 Jul - Foundation 100 Days
of School

WEEK 7

6 Aug - Foundation - Yr 2
Tabloid Sports

8 Aug - Marvellous Maths

LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy



Dear Strathmore Families,

Welcome to Term 3!

Thank you to all the families and students who have so warmly welcomed me as your new principal. While change can sometimes bring uncertainty, the kindness and support I've received have made me feel right at home here at Strathmore Primary School.

It has been a genuine pleasure connecting with students as we began the term—full of energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm. Term 3 is always a vibrant time in a school year, and we're looking forward to continuing the strong tradition of deep learning, growth, and achievement that defines Strathmore PS.

As principal, I am deeply committed to ensuring a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment—where every child feels supported, challenged, and empowered to thrive both academically and personally.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Strathmore's staff. From day one, they have been a constant source of support, offering guidance with kindness, professionalism, and unwavering commitment. The school's strong foundation, shaped by the previous expert leadership of Mr Olm and Mr McKenzie, has fostered a culture of excellence, care, and continual improvement. I am excited to build on this work as we guide Strathmore PS into its next chapter.

Term 3 brings with it a rich and exciting calendar of events, providing meaningful opportunities for students to connect, explore, and celebrate:

- 100 Days of Prep – a joyful milestone for our youngest learners
- Book Week, featuring guest author and illustrator Sarah Allen
- Parent Teacher Conferences – vital for strengthening our home-school partnerships
- District and Division Athletics
- Years 3–6 Hooptime Basketball competitions
- Foundation Scienceworks Excursion
- Year 5/6 Camp

As always, we encourage families to stay informed, engaged, and connected to school life. The partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths, and it plays a vital role in supporting student success.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to a rewarding and inspiring term ahead at Strathmore Primary School.

CELEBRATING ROSE SWINDON'S 50 YEARS IN EDUCATION

We are delighted to congratulate Rose Swindon, who was recently recognised at the official Education Awards by the Hon. Ben Carroll, Minister for Education, for an incredible 50 years of service to education.

On behalf of the thousands of students and families whose lives she has touched, we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. This remarkable milestone is a testament to Rose's unwavering dedication, passion, and impact across generations of learners.

Thank you, Rose – your contribution to education is truly inspiring.



STAFFING CHANGES IN 5/6



This week Ms Andrea Rudnickij starts with us at SPS taking on the role 5/6C teacher, as Mrs McKendry will be going on maternity leave at the end of the week ahead of the arrival of her second baby. We are sad to see Mrs McKendry leave for the remainder of the year, but so excited for new of the arrival of her second child.

Ms Andrea Rudnickij will be working with Mrs McKendry this week and will be in the classroom Monday – Wednesday with Mrs Boyd working in 5/6C on Thursday and Friday.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MR MCKENZIE

Mr McKenzie took off on his European holiday during the school holidays and has already been to London and Paris. He and his wife have already packed in a lot to the time they have been away.

They have ridden the tube in London, climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris and been eating all the amazing food on offer.

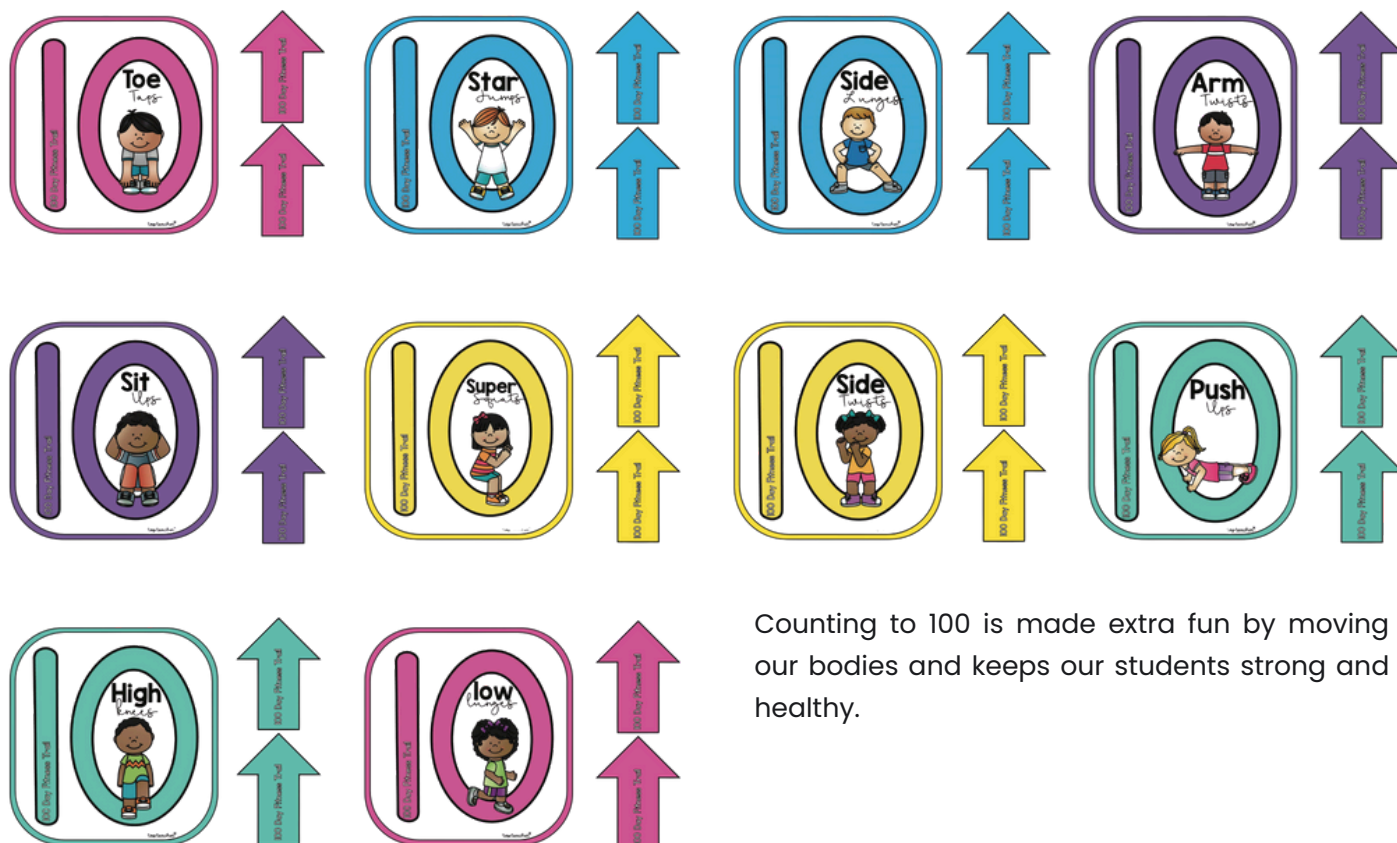
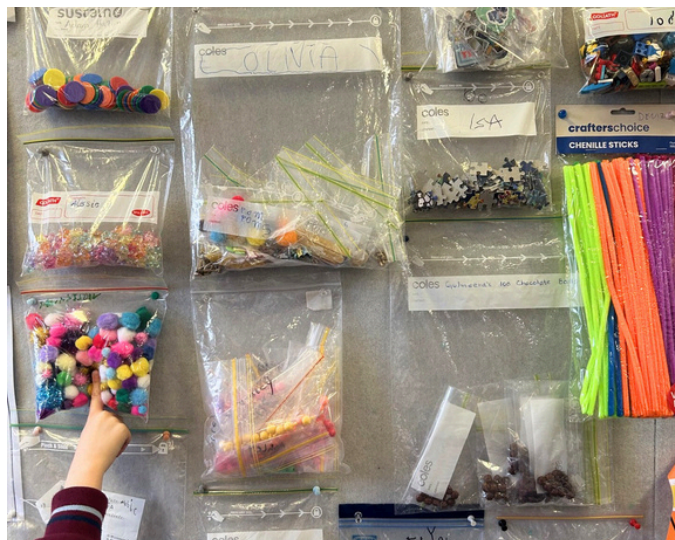
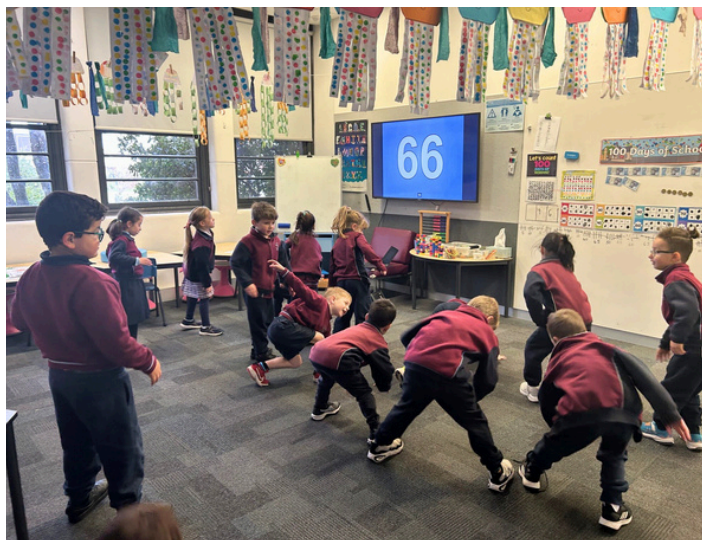
Where do you think Mr McKenzie will visit next?



ALMOST 100 DAYS OF LEARNING

Our foundation students have almost reached 100 days of learning, they have been busy preparing for their big day of celebration, with invitations to their families for the 30th July.

Each student has been collecting items in groups equalling 100 to display in the classroom, from puzzles to footy cards, we have 100's and 100's of items to count.



Counting to 100 is made extra fun by moving our bodies and keeps our students strong and healthy.

FROM THE ART ROOM

EVERYONE LOVES TO PAINT

Lots of smiles and fun in the Art Room with Year 1/2 students combining drawing and painting to produce some wonderful art works. You can see a collection of watercolour monsters on display in the office



EVERYDAY COUNTS!

IMPACT OF SCHOOL ABSENCES

There are 365 days in a year. Only 190 of these are school days. That leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, appointments, celebrations and other activities.

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and social development.

“JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE”

Only missing...	Per week, that equals...	Each year, that equals...	Over 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes	50 minutes	Almost 1.5 weeks	Nearly half a year
20 minutes	1 hour and 40 minutes	Over 2.5 weeks	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes	Half a day	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour	1 day	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

“IT’S ONLY ONE DAY OFF”

Only missing...	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



Character ~ Inspiration ~ Connection ~ Endeavour

SOMERS CAMP



Our kids on Somers are now at their mid way mark of camp. Students have been kept very busy so far. They have been busy with five activities a day, archery, bike rides, high ropes, rock climbing and the challenge swing, to environmental studies, library and drama.

Between now and the end of camp, students will perform drama skits in front of the rest of camp, create a scrapbook with photos taken throughout camp, and bust some moves at the disco!



LINGUASCOPE UPDATE

So we could say that Strathmore PS subscribes to the fun interactive website [Linguascope.com](https://linguscope.com)

The username remains the same: **italstrath** but the password has changed to **ciaoatutti!!**

Please update this on iPads.

Linguascope offers language learning in many languages but of course we would love our students to support and reinforce basic language of Italian at home. In the Elementary and Beginner sections there are topics of language such as animals and then you choose fun games to play such as naughts and crosses or memory games to reinforce the language.

Grazie, Signorina Pane





VIC SPORTS STARS

Strathmore Primary school are incredibly proud of Stella (5/6A) and Luca (5/6C) for their selection in the Victoria School Sports team.

Stella has been selected in the 12&u AFL and Luca has been selected in the Basket Victoria State Future Program.

Stella will be heading to Maroochydore this coming week for the School Sports Australia Championships - we wish her all the best with her team.



MEDHA'S RUN MELBOURNE FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Medha on her 5.5K run in the Run Melbourne event and supporting her for her fundraising.

She was able to raise \$647 for Children's Cancer Institute.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

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



WEEK 1

ART – Briella K

For demonstrating **'Endeavour'** through the effort she put into her art work this week. The techniques she used, particularly shading with chalks, produced an incredible piece of art.

ITALIAN – Stephan S

For his display of **'Endeavour'** with the effort he put in with his postcard on Rome.

MUSIC – Alisa H

For demonstrating **'Inspiration'** by her fantastic participation during music sessions and performing to the class. Well done!

PE – Leila S

For her **'Connection'** & **'Endeavour'** by trying your best, asking for feedback, and being a caring and kind member of Strathmore Primary School.

FA – Emilia R

For demonstrating **'Connection'** in her cooperative work with others.

FB – Asli S

Asli demonstrated **'Inspiration'** for her fabulous start to her new school. Well done, Asli!

1/2A – Callan M

For his **'Endeavour'** & **'Inspiration'** by persisting with tasks and persisting when faced with a challenge.

1/2B – Koumail H

For **'Endeavour'** & **'Inspiration'** by working to the very best of your ability on all learning tasks.

1/2 C – Liam T

For **'Connection'** by exhibiting kindness and empathy to a fellow student.

3/4a – Atticus A

For displaying **'Character'** during class for working to the best of his ability and regularly contributing to classroom discussions. Well Done.

3/4B – Emma F

For displaying the school values of **'Character'** & **'Endeavour'** by always working to the very best of your ability and being kind and respectful. You are a great role model to your classmates, Emma!

3/4C – Lennox B

For demonstrating **'Endeavour'** during flexible Literacy groups. Well done for working hard and listening to feedback to write a well-structured and detailed recount. Well done, Lenny! Keep up the hard work!

5/6A – Marcus A

5/6B – Orlando N

5/6C – Angus H

For demonstrating **'Endeavour'** throughout the week and trying his best in all areas with a different teacher and classmates. Excellent work!

5/6D – Niko P

For demonstrating **'Character'** & **'Connection'** through your great thinking and connections in Inquiry learning this week as well as your amazing effort in class. Keep it up!