

SCOOP

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy



It's hard to believe we're already in Week 4! This week, we had the privilege of celebrating the incredible learning taking place in our specialist classes through the Specialist

Showcase. Months of preparation by our talented staff and students, led by Mr Portelli, highlighted Strathmore Primary School's values and the creativity, dedication, and excellence that define our teaching and learning programs.

A huge thank you to all the staff, students, and families who contributed to making this event such a success. Your support and enthusiasm help make Strathmore PS such a connected community. If you haven't yet placed a bid on the student artwork, there's still time. Bidding closes at 12pm, Friday 31st October!

School Review – Parent Involvement – As part of the 2025 School Review, Strathmore PS would like to invite parents to the parent forum with the lead reviewer Brian Collins.

This will be held in the Community Learning Centre beginning at 3pm on Monday 10th November. To confirm your spot, please complete the google form attached [here](#).

2026 School Year Planning – As we begin preparations for the 2026 school year, our staff are thoughtfully considering the needs of all students to ensure a smooth and successful transition. With their deep understanding of student dynamics, they take into account combinations that support positive learning and social experiences.

If parents have specific placement requests, we welcome them to share these—along with a clear rationale—to assist in our planning. While we cannot guarantee all requests will be accommodated, we will give each one careful consideration within the context of the broader needs of all students.

Please submit any **requests via email to the Strathmore Primary School email address by 4:00 pm on Thursday 13th November**. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider late submissions. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Character ~ Inspiration ~ Connection ~ Endeavour

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 4

- 27 Oct – Specialist Showcase
- 28 Oct – Specialist Showcase
- 29 Oct – Specialist Showcase
- 30 Oct – Yr. 3/4 Stem Squad
- 31 Oct – Community Reading
World Teacher's Day

WEEK 5

- 3 Nov – Student Free Day
- 4 Nov – Melbourne Cup Day
- 5 Nov – Yr 3-6 AFL Max excursion
- 7 Nov – Community Reading
* Foundation – Yr 2 only
Yr 3-6 Swim Carnival

CHILDREN'S WEEK

To celebrate Children's Week the gelato van visited on Thursday 23rd October. We had a lot of fun eating the delicious Italian gelato with our friends.

'Il gelato era delizioso' – 'The gelato was delicious'



LIGHT & SOUND

HANDS ON SCIENCE INCURSION

On Thursday 23rd October, the Year 1/2 students took part in an exciting Light and Sound incursion. Each grade enjoyed a 90-minute hands-on session investigating the fascinating characteristics of light and sound.

Students explored how light and sound are **produced, transmitted, and sensed**, developing a deeper understanding of the important roles these forces play in our daily lives. They eagerly participated in a range of engaging activities that helped them compare the similarities and differences between light and sound.

Using torches, the students tested and classified a variety of materials as **transparent, translucent, or opaque**. The sound investigations were just as enjoyable – especially when students used tuning forks to both hear and see how sound waves are created. There was plenty of laughter and amazement as they dipped the tuning forks into water to watch the vibrations create ripples, and again when the vibrations made ping pong balls attached to strings bounce!

To finish off, everyone made their own noisemaker using simple everyday materials – a cup, string, and masking tape. The room soon filled with joyful sounds, excited chatter, and lots of learning as students proudly experimented with their creations.

It was a fantastic day of discovery, curiosity, and fun for all!

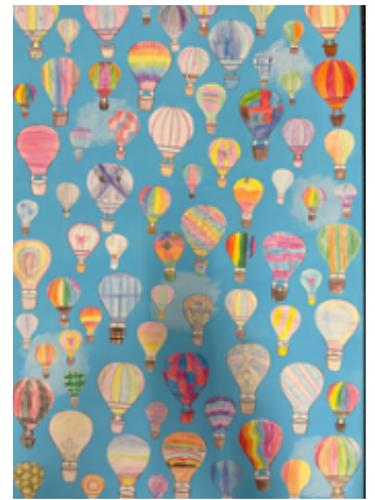




ART AUCTION

Bidding is now open on our amazing class created canvas. Each student at SPS has had the opportunity to contribute to their class canvas.

Click the auction icon here to bid on a one-of-a-kind art piece that your child will remember for years to come.



SPS SPORTS STARS

BRING STATES

by Aydin Akkus

Last Tuesday, I represented Strathmore Primary School at the Regional Shot Put competition. At the beginning of the day, I scooped out my competition to work out who my main competitors were. I was able to throw the shot put 3 times. My first throw was 10.34 metres. I was pretty happy with that. On my next throw, I threw 9.43 metres. My last throw was just as good as my first one. With these three attempts, I won first place with a throw that was more than 1 metre further than my closest competitor. I am really proud of myself as it is not something I do very often.

I am really happy with how I competed, but when I compete at the state titles I would like to throw the shot put further and hopefully win again.



Aydin with his gold medal at regionals

OJ BRINGS HOME SILVER

Earlier this month, Oliver, otherwise known as OJ to his teachers and friends competed at the Taekwondo National Championships.

OJ placed 2nd in the male under 10-11 division.



SPS AT REGIONALS

We are very proud of all of our SPS students who represented SPS and competed at last weeks Western Region competition.

Aydin A - 1st in Shot Put

Breanna C - 10th in the 200m

Stella I - 10th in Long Jump

Tala O - 10th in High Jump

Zayn A - 12th in Triple Jump

Making it to regions is a fantastic result.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

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



WEEK 2

ART – Greta S and Alisa H

For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** by supporting a classmate to complete work.

ITALIAN – Emily S

For demonstrating great **'Endeavour'** when singing all of the songs for the specialist showcase rehearsal.

MUSIC – Jasper J

For demonstrating the school value of **'Inspiration'** through his great effort during Showcase rehearsal. Well done!

PE – Charlie C

For demonstrating **'Inspiration'** through his excellent participation during this week's sport session. Well done!

Levi C

FA – For displaying the school value of **'Endeavour'** with his great effort writing his letter for the VCOP letter exchange

Dinya I

FB – Dinya demonstrated the school value **'Character'** by working to the best of her ability and for regularly contributing to classroom discussions. Well done, Dinya!

Tahlia B

1/2A – For demonstrating the school values of **'Character, Connection, and Inspiration'** with the way you made great choices in the yard and with friendships. Well done Tahlia!.

Ahad A

1/2B – For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** by using terrific strategies when working independently during maths time.

Zara Y

1/2C – For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** by using terrific strategies when reading. AWESOME effort Zara.

3/4A – Alparslan K

For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** by working really hard in your Literacy Group this week with Ms Brown. Well done and keep up the great work.

3/4B – Vincent H

For your **'Character'** and **'Inspiration'** through your outstanding effort and participation in the STEM Squad Incursion. Your passion for coding and robotics was evident by the way you were enthusiastically engaging with your learning and sharing your knowledge. Bravo Vin!

3/4C – Charlotte B

For displaying the school values of **'Character'** and **'Endeavour'** during the STEM Squad Incursion. Well done for listening attentively and enthusiastically building the robotic car and coding. Keep challenging yourself Charlotte! You should be very proud of yourself!

5/6A – Ethan S

For demonstrating **'Inspiration'** through your positive choices and efforts to ensure you show your best self in class this week. Well done and keep it up Ethan!

5/6A – Lucas P

For demonstrating our school value of **'Endeavour and Inspiration'** through your positive engagement in learning in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the good work Lucas!

5/6B – Lilah F and Hayden H

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'** and **'Connection'** when presenting a Term 3 review to the School Council's Education Sub-committee.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

WEEK 2 CONT.

5/6C - Oscar T

For an amazing start to term 4. Your attitude and effort in all aspects of school life is amazing. You are truly inspiring to all your classmates. Keep up the fabulous work!

5/6C - Louella O

For demonstrating the school values of inspiration and connection through your amazing work and reflection in your writing. Your level of thinking in story development was fabulous! - Ms Cvek

5/6D - Ryan

For demonstrating the school values of character and connection with the way you are showing leadership to finish the year through being a wonderful friend, reliable class member, and hard worker. Keep up the great work, Ryan!

5/6D - Tala O

For demonstrating the school values of character and endeavour by always doing your best, contributing to classroom discussions, being consistent across flexible groups, and asking questions to clarify learning. Well done, Tala, keep it up legend!



WEEK 3

ART - Oscar G

For demonstrating our school values through his tremendous attitude to his art work.

ITALIAN - Oliver C and Charlie M

For demonstrating the school value of inspiration with the awesome acting they put in with their Italian piece for the showcase.

MUSIC - Agniv D, Pragathi J & Eera V

For demonstrating the school value of inspiration by their fantastic musical performance at last week's assembly. Congratulations on such a wonderful performance.

PE - Oscar G

For demonstrating the school values of character, connection, and inspiration with the way you made great choices and encouraged others in P.E. this week. Well done Oscar!

FA - Flynn A

For demonstrating Endeavour with his big effort in learning his sight words.

FB - Anavi P

Anavi demonstrated the school value of 'Connection' when sharing her personal experiences and knowledge about Diwali to her teachers and peers. Thank you and well done Anavi!

FB - Isla R

For all 'Inspiration' and 'Connection' for her excellent effort when publishing her VCOP letter and when decorating her act of kindness gift. Well done, Isla!

FB - Aryan D

Aryan demonstrated 'Inspiration' and 'Connection' for his excellent effort when publishing his VCOP letter and when decorating his act of kindness gift. Well done, Aryan!

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

WEEK 3 CONT.

1/2A - Rayyan H

For an awesome start to term 4. Your attitude and effort in all aspects of school life is amazing. You are truly inspiring to all your classmates. Well done!

1/2B - Ethan W

For demonstrating our school values through your positive focus and attitude toward your learning and others.

1/2C - Deniz W

For demonstrating the school value of character by working really well during class time. Awesome effort Denise

3/4A - Christian R

For demonstrating the school values of 'Character' and 'Endeavour' during Maths groups. It was fantastic to see you giving your best when learning and persisting through challenges. Keep up the outstanding effort, Christian!

3/4B - Alexis I

For demonstrating the school values of 'Endeavour' and 'Inspiration' by writing outstanding, descriptive poems during literacy groups and Big Write. Well done for following the structure and including poetic devices. Keep up the amazing writing, Alexis!

3/4C - Ryon W

For demonstrating the school value of inspiration through your positive engagement in learning. Amazing work!

5/4A - Ethan H

For demonstrating our school values through your positive focus and attitude toward your learning and others. You lead by example in modelling positive choices-keep it up!

5/6B - Aydin Y

For demonstrating the school values of character and endeavour by always doing your best, contributing to classroom discussions, being consistent across flexible groups, and asking questions to clarify learning. Well done, Aydin!

5/6C - Mete A

For consistently demonstrating "Character" in and outside the classroom, by respectfully interacting with all students and teachers and a willingness to share your ideas in discussions. Well done Mete!

5/6D - Zac A

For demonstrating 'Inspiration' through your positive choices and efforts to ensure you show your best self in class and within the yard this week. Well done and keep it up Zac!