

SCOOP

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive Term 1, I would like to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the many highlights across our school community.

One of the standout moments this term was our celebration of Harmony Week. It was wonderful to see our students, staff and families come together to acknowledge and celebrate the rich cultural diversity within our school. The sense of inclusion, respect and pride displayed throughout the week was something truly special, and a reminder of the strong, connected community we are proud to be part of.

Term 1 has also been filled with many important achievements and milestones. Our students approached NAPLAN with a positive attitude and demonstrated resilience and focus throughout the assessment period. Our involvement in the Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) has provided valuable extension opportunities for students, while our Gala Sports Days and Athletics Day showcased great sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm.

A particularly special milestone has been the completion of the first term of school for our Foundation students. They have settled in exceptionally well, building confidence, friendships and a strong start to their learning journey. We are very proud of how far they have come in such a short time.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage all families to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time together. Please remember to stay safe over the holidays.

Term 2 will commence on Monday 20th April, and we look forward to welcoming all students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 10

31 Mar - F to 2 Mini Olympics Day

2 Apr - Last Day of Term 1

Early dismissal at 2:30pm

TERM 2

Students are back 20 April 2026

WEEK 2

27 Apr - Yr 5/6 Visit to Rosehill Secondary

28 Apr - Yr 3/6 SPS Cross Country

WEEK 3

4 May - Yr 1/2 Swimming Program begins

EASTER COLOURING COMP

Thank you to all of our students for making the office bright and colourful with the Easter Colouring competition.

There was lots of creativity put into the colouring, and it was hard to pick the winners (announced at the end of term assembly)



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Strathmore Primary School is excited to be taking part in The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

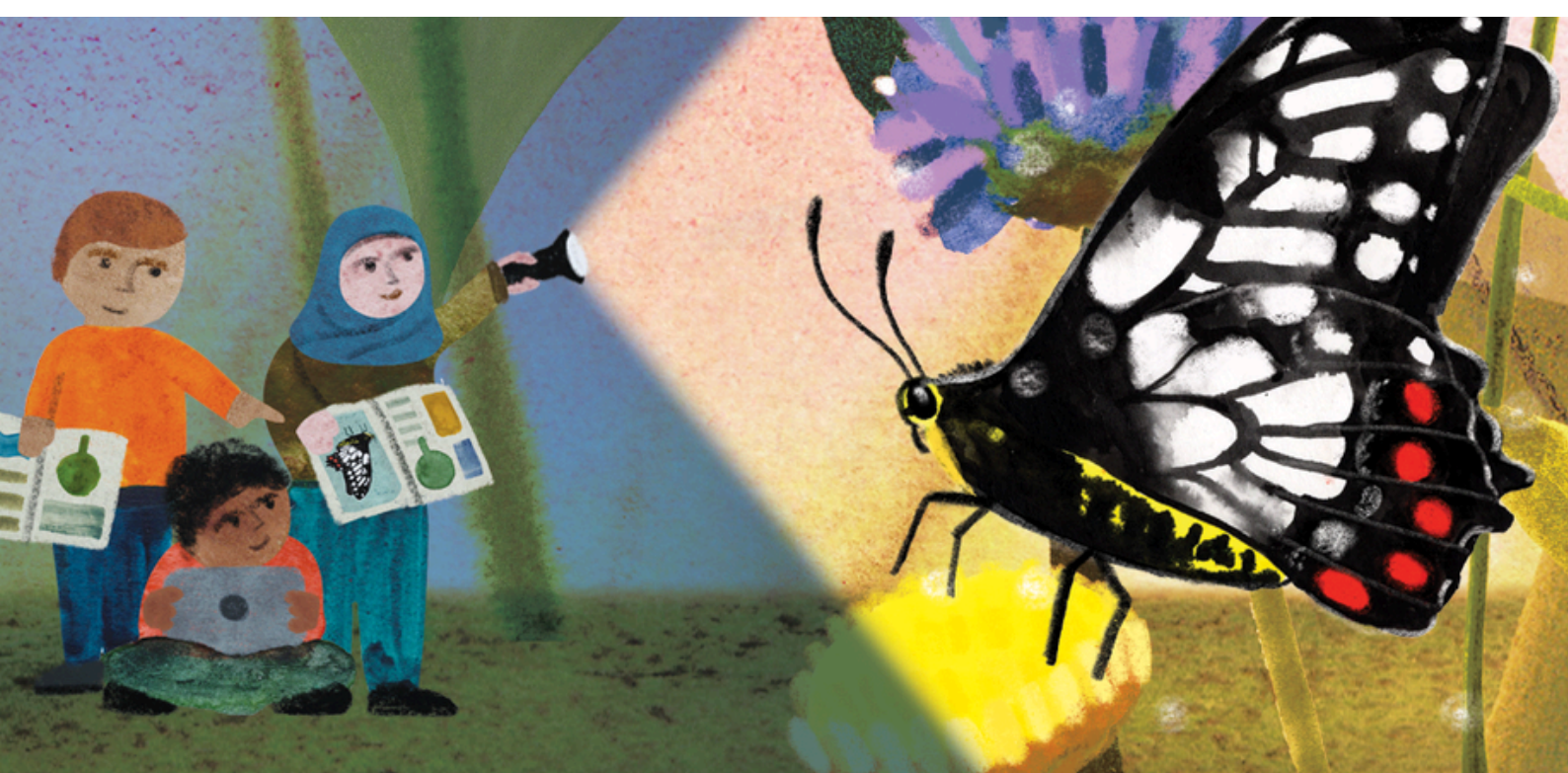
The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs. All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

If you are interested in your child/children participating in the 2026 Challenge, please complete the [Google Form](#) to provide your child's name, year level and class. A separate response is required for each child.

A username and password will be issued to your child once registered by the school, so they can log onto the Premiers' Reading Challenge website to record their reading. Your child's username and password will be emailed to parents/carers in the coming weeks, along with information on how to log reading books on the Challenge website.

In the meantime, please start keeping a manual record of your child's reading to log onto the Challenge website. Your child's regular home reading record is a great way to do this!



HARMONY WEEK



Harmony week is all about celebrating inclusiveness and the many different cultures and traditions from countries around the world.

To kick off celebrations at Strathmore Primary we had so much fun with Isabella who taught us all about the Salsa and Rumba from South America. We also played some musical instruments such as the tambourine and the sticks.

On Thursday we listened to the traditional and talented Veneto Club Men's Choir and completed the week with the ever popular Hip Hop dancing direct experience and a very Special Assembly. What a wonderful week we had! Here are some thoughts from our students....



I liked learning a new salsa dance and playing the instruments
Annabella 112A

I enjoyed learning the Latin American moves
Georgie 1/2A

We learnt an entire dance one move at a time
Aileen 1/2A

Isabella's costume was a traditional dress and we loved it.
Shreshta & Cleo 1/2A

I loved how we danced.
Mehmet 1/2A



I liked dancing with my partner
Matteo 1/2A



DREAM AND LEAD

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2026

During week 8 our Grade 6 leaders and Grade 6 VAST leaders enjoyed an inspiring day at the Melbourne Convention Centre learning about building and developing their leadership skills. It challenged students to reflect on their own personality and how they can develop their own style of leadership. It also looked at public speaking skills and the importance of mindset in setting achievable goals. The event was highly interactive and engaging. The guest speakers were inspirational and showed how young people can achieve and make a difference to lives of others.

One of the key quotes for the day was - *"Leadership is guiding and inspiring others through actions, values and strengths to create positive impact"*.

On Wednesday the 18th of March the grade 6 leaders and grade 6 VAST members went to the YLAA Dream & Lead Leadership conference at the Melbourne Convention centre.

We kicked off the day with 2000 children singing Let it go and other Disney songs like monkeys. Then our two hosts Bonnie and Liam started to speak all things leadership and they started with a quiz about what type of person we were.

We listened to 4 guest speakers. One of them was Charlotte Walker, she was the youngest person to become a senator in Australian history. Another speaker was Maddy Prespakis who is an AFLW midfielder for Essendon, Josh Reid Jones the founder of the JUSTBENICE project, and Will Massara the CEO and founder of the YLAA youth leadership academy Australia, who was actually the foundation that organised and hosted the event.

Maddie Prespakis, our favourite speaker, she spoke about how, to be a good leader you have to first lead yourself before you try to lead anyone else. There is also a giant mural on the Essendon Windy Hill home ground wall of her.

Josh Reid Jones was very interesting, he was the founder of the 'Just Be Nice Project' and talked about how we were bubbles and ball pit balls. This confused us like crazy- but when he explained it more I started to understand. Bubbles connect together, but they also pop, so like humans we can stick together and become bigger or grow smaller and pop. This foundation called 'Just Be Nice' had the goal to make people happy and help them no matter who they are or what they need. He also talked about how we're like ball pit balls because when you look in a ball pit with 100s or 1000s of balls not everyone will know or look for who the best leader is so keep doing your best and keep showing up for the small group of people who do.

Overall, it was a great day, I definitely recommend going when you're in grade six. It is one of many cool events leaders get to go to, so always do your best and show all of your amazing leadership characteristics.

By Alannah and Charlie yr6



CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

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



WEEK 9

ART - Imelda M

For showing outstanding creativity and focus in Art this week. Well done!

ITALIAN - Shrestha A

For demonstrating the value of 'Endeavour' with her written reflection on Harmony Week.

MUSIC - Harrison C

For demonstrating the school value of 'Connection' by working well in a group and producing a great performance. Well

PE - done!

Electra T

For demonstrating the school value of 'Inspiration' through her excellent efforts and concentration skills. during this week's sport session focussed on European

FA - Handball. Well done!

Isla B

For demonstrating our school values of 'Connection' and 'Character' through your consistent and thoughtful contributions during all class discussions. Outstanding

FA - effort Isla!

Freddy D

For demonstrating the school values of 'Character', 'Inspiration' and 'Endeavour' by having a positive attitude and always contributing especially when numbers and problem solving is involved. Keep up the

1/2A - great work Freddy!

Penny R

For demonstrating the school value of 'Character' by always being a kind and caring member of our class

1/2B - Adam H

For demonstrating the school values of 'Character' and 'Inspiration' by always trying your best and being a happy class member. AMAZING effort Adam!

1/2C - Matilda B

Matilda demonstrated the school values of 'Connection' and 'Character' for participating enthusiastically during all the Harmony Week activities and the partner grade activities. Well done, Matilda!

1/2D - Zara C

For demonstrating all school values on a daily basis, as well as leadership, kindness and initiative.

3/4A - Evie N

For demonstrating the school values of 'Connection' and 'Endeavour' during Harmony Week. Well done Evie on your focus and efforts when completing your collaborative mini research project of different languages. Keep up the terrific work Evie!

3/4B - Isaac O

For demonstrating the school values of 'Connection' and 'Endeavour' for enthusiastically engaging with Literacy learning. Well done for showing excellent partnership skills whilst working on your Harmony Week research project on Mexico. Awesome work, Isaac!

3/4C - Adrian S

For displaying all our school values as you settled into our school community. It's been wonderful to see you making new friends and enthusiastically engaging in your work. Well done Adrian!

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WEEK 9 CONT.

5/6A-Hana K

For demonstrating the school values of **Endeavour** and **Inspiration** for being an amazing role model in our grade by completing work to the best of your ability and participating in class discussions. Well Done and keep up the amazing work.

5/6B -Briella K

For demonstrating the school value of **Endeavour and Inspiration** by working so hard and giving your all in Maths. Keep up the great work, Briella!

5/6C -Ryon W

For demonstrating the school values of **Connection, Character, Inspiration and Endeavour** by being an outstanding role model, maintaining a relentlessly positive attitude, and showing kindness to all.

5/6D -Freya B

For demonstrating the school values of **Connection** and **Endeavour** through your amazing effort in Maths. Your positive attitude, persistence, and willingness to support others are excellent.

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WEEK 10

ART - Dayle G

For demonstrating our school values by co-operating with class members. Dayle was able to solve a problem by being proactive.

ITALIAN - Zaki H

For demonstrating the value of **Character** by completing an Italian model of the duomo in his own time for the Italian room. Bravo Zaki!

MUSIC - Hudson V

For demonstrating the school value of **'Inspiration'** through his great participation and concentration during our music session this week. Well done!

PE - Austin B

For demonstrating the school values of **character** by co-operating with class members during our PE sessions.

FA - Charlie B

For demonstrating the school values of **Connection** and **Inspiration**. It has been fantastic to watch you build connections, show kindness, and be a caring classmate.. Well done, Charli

1/2A - Sara P

Sara demonstrated the school value of **'Character'** by arriving at school every day with a smile on her face and trying her best at all her learning tasks. Well done, Sara!

1/2B - Emilia R

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and **Inspiration** by making a terrific start at S.P.S. SUPER effort Emilia!

1/2C - Willow B

Willow demonstrated the school value of **'Character'** by arriving at school every day with a smile on her face and trying her best at all her learning tasks. Well done, Willow!

1/2D - Maddison G

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and **Inspiration** for making a terrific start at your new school.

3/4A - Oliver H

For demonstrating the school values of **'Endeavour'** and **'Character'** by making a wonderful start to Year 3. Well done for being a positive role model and always trying your best. Keep up the terrific work Oliver.

3/4B - Nate C

For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** through a fabulous start in Grade 3 this year. Congratulations, Nate! Keep up the outstanding effort.

3/4C - Emma F

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and being the most awesome teacher helper to Ms. Brown

5/6A - Imelda M

For demonstrating all of the school values this week, while settling into your new school. It has been wonderful to see you make new friends and be a great role model in our classroom. Well done and keep up the amazing work!

5/6B - Diya P

For showing all of our school values as you settle into your new school. It's been wonderful to see you making new friends and enthusiastically engaging in your work. Well done Diya!

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WEEK 10 CONT.

5/6A-Angus M

For demonstrating the school values of **Connection** and **Inspiration** through a terrific start at SPS. It has been fantastic to see you build connections, show kindness, and be a positive role model. Well done, Angus!

5/6B-Niko P

For demonstrating the value of **character** by making excellent choices and striving to do your best.

Oliver J

5/6C -For demonstrating the value of **connection** with the way you have helped new members of the 5/6 cohort settle in, particularly in 5/6D. Well done on showing such wonderful leadership to start the year, OJ!

5/6D-Hugo V

For demonstrating the values of **character** and **inspiration** with the way you have engaged with all lessons to start the year. It has been fantastic having your input and seeing your hand fly up to answer questions, Hugo, keep it up!

Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



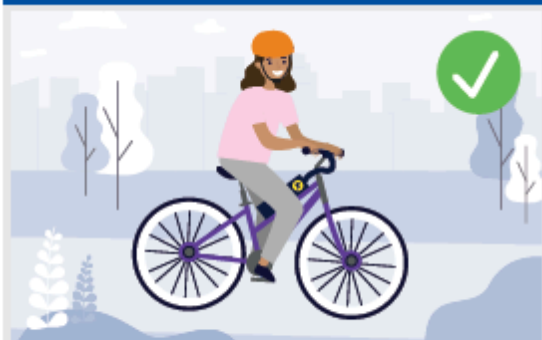
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SAINTS

COME AND TRY
FOOTY

BOYS | GIRLS | ALL ABILITIES - AGES 7 TO 14

WEDNESDAY @ 5PM
OAK PARK POOL BACK OVAL

YAS YOUTH ACTING & SCREEN STUDIO

CREATIVE CLASSES FOR KIDS & TEENS

WEEKLY TERM CLASSES & HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

GRADES 3-12 · KENSINGTON

ACTING, ANIMATION, FILMMAKING & PHOTOGRAPHY

FIND OUT MORE

TERM 2 STARTS 27 APRIL YASSTUDIO.COM.AU

Vic SOCCER OUTSTANDING AUTUMN CLINICS 2026

FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 2nd of May and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 2nd of May 2026

SESSION TIME & LOCATION:
9:00AM to 10:00AM at
Strathmore Secondary College,
Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.

TERM 2 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. MAY 2nd 2026

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 2/5/2026
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 1/5
to secure your child's place in the clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:

Name(s) : _____ DOB: _____
Clinics previously completed: _____ Phone: _____
Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____
Email: _____
Current Primary School: _____

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I do do not give permission for my child to be photographed
and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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