

SCOOP

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy



Events:

Last week we had our year 1/2 students attend swimming week at Keilor East Leisure Centre. Thank you to Ms. Buckley, the year 1/2 team and all staff for providing such a rich, water safety program. This week is the year 3/4 team. The swimming program is very valuable for providing our students an opportunity to develop their water competence and safety in and around water.

Our year 5/6 students participated in their first round of interschool sport against Mooney Valley PS. All students displayed outstanding sportsmanship and our Strathmore values. This Friday we host Aberfeldie PS and wish all competitors the very best.

To support families being informed of the many different events in term 2, you can now access the Strathmore PS Term 2 Events Calendar. Here's the link [2026 SPS Term 2 Events Calendar](#)

Semester Reports

Term 2 is an important assessment and reporting period. Teachers will gather evidence of student learning through a range of scheduled assessments, including individual, online, and class-based tasks, to support the development of mid-year reports.

Reports will be released via Compass later this term. While the format will remain familiar, there will be some minor changes as we transition from Accelerus to Compass for report generation. Staff are being supported throughout this process.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the final week of Term 2, providing an opportunity to discuss student progress.

Due to current industrial action by the Australian Education Union (AEU), written comments will not be included in Semester 1 reports.

Year 4 to year 6 Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS)

The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will run at the end of May – beginning of June. Consent and further information will be sent via Compass to all year 4 to 6 families in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 5

- 19 May – District Cross Country
- 21 May – Foundation Tour
- 22 May – Marvellous Maths
– Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport

WEEK 6

- 26 May – Foundation Wildlife Incursion
- 27 May – Yr 5/6 SEA Parent Info Session (online)
- 28 May – Yr 1/2 Werribee Zoo
- 29 May – Community Reading
– Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport

WEEK 7

- 4 June – Foundation Tour
- 5 June – Student Free Day



PARENTS' CLUB

Last week, the Parents Club held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), including the election of the 2026 office bearers. Thank you to all parents who attended and participated.

We warmly congratulate the following parents who will generously contribute their time and expertise to support the oversight of the many wonderful events planned by the Parents Club:

- President: Katey Hird
- Secretary: Danielle Carey
- Treasurer: Amee Carrick

We also extend our sincere thanks to Mia Hristovski for her leadership and dedication as President of the SPS Parents Club over many years. Mia and the committee have played a key role in re-establishing the Parents Club following the COVID period, strengthening an invaluable partnership between the school and wider community. We deeply appreciate her tireless contribution and ongoing support in ensuring a smooth transition to the new leadership team.

TONY'S PIES

The famous Tony's Pie drive is back, please see the last page for ordering info - Closes this Saturday 23 May.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Parent's Club for the recent success of the Mothers' Day. The kids were excitedly showing staff the goodies they got for their mums and grandmothers.



ROSEHILL VISIT

A DAY AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

On the 28th of April the 5/6 cohort went to Rosehill Secondary College. It was a fun experience to find out what high school would be like.

To kick off the day we went into Science class. We made slime and spaghetti towers.

When making slime we had to carefully add the liquids and food dye, to get the correct consistency. In the end I think most slimes turned out like jelly.

After recess we watched a performance involving dance, drama, singing, and many bands. There were a variety of performances. Our personal favourite was the 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' performance with ukuleles and singing. At Rosehill you are able to participate in these activities, no matter what age group you are in.

After lunch we had PE. We played number basketball and mat netball. Mat netball was just like normal netball except instead of shooting goals through a hoop, we had to pass the ball to a teammate who was standing on the mat.

Rosehill was very exciting and we would happily go there again.

By Kyra S and Greta S



QUANTUM MATH

On Thursday 30th of April, 20 selected students went on a maths excursion to Quantum Victoria for VCES (Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series).

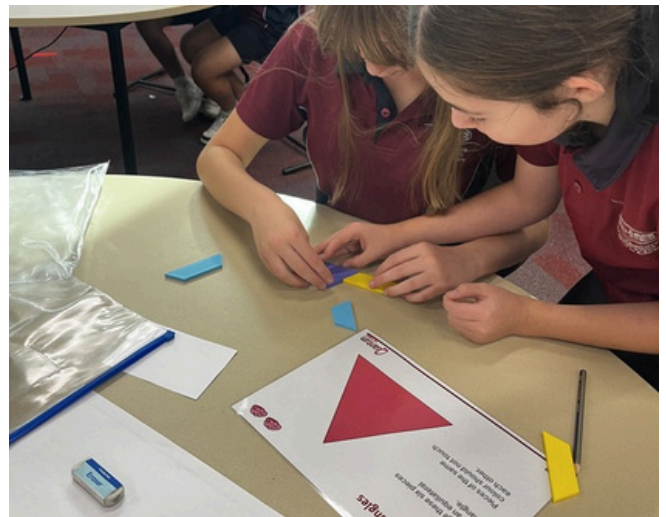
We all arrived at school at 8:20. I bet you're thinking - why did they even bother going to school that early - it's just math! This wasn't just maths, it was logical thinking, measuring and probability. Our favourite activity was logical thinking. We were seated with our partners at tables and tried out the first Problem. There were 9 dots arranged into a square and we had to connect all the dots together with only 4 straight lines. Our clue was to think outside the box. We got it pretty quickly but it took a few tries to get it right. We had to extend the lines outside the square to connect all the dots together.

After we finished the task, we had to choose a pouch. Each pouch had different puzzles inside them, easy, medium and hard levels. Everyone had to start with the easy then move on to harder puzzles. We had 30 minutes to complete as many as possible. We loved the shape ones where you have to fit the pieces together to make a 3d shape. There were some really hard ones. The hardest was probably the boat one. We had to use the boat to help the farmer get the chicken, the corn, and the fox to the other side of the river. Unfortunately there were only two spots in the boat and one was for the farmer, but you have to make sure that the chicken didn't eat the corn and the fox didn't eat the chicken. This one was very hard and we couldn't even solve this puzzle.

This was the best maths excursion ever! And overall it was an amazing learning experience. Who knew maths could be so much fun.

Maths is EVERYWHERE!!!

By Arabella and Eloise



YR 1/2 SWIMMING

We did five days of swimming. I liked swimming. We had six people in my group. I was in red group. On the last day of swimming we had the best day. We went in the deep pool and used life jackets. I liked it.

By Matteo P 1/2A

I liked swimming lessons. I was in the shallow end. On the last day I was in the deep pool. We had to wear life jackets when we jumped into the big pool. We used a pool noodle to pull out a person.

By Jack D 1/2C

We went for 5 days. My group was Red 2. We did backstroke and lots of other things. It was lots of fun. We stayed in the water 40 minutes. On Friday we put clothes on over our bathers and it felt heavy.

By Rafael 1/2C

For swimming lessons we had it at Keilor East. I was in Orange group, there were six people in my group including me. We started lessons on a Friday but sadly had none on Wednesday. We had to make sure we had all of our stuff and we packed everything to bring back to school. On Friday it was the last day of swimming lessons. We had lots of fun on the last day for water safety day.

By Georgie 1/2A

On Friday 1st May it was the first day of swimming. We got split into 7 groups. They were... pink, red 1, red 2, orange, yellow, green and blue groups. I was in the blue group. On the last day we brought old clothes to swim in. We had a fun day.

By Annabella 1/2A





SPS SPORTS



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

We have had a couple of successful first weeks of Interschool sport. It has been great to see students developing their skills over the last couple of weeks. The teachers have also seen great sportsmanship demonstrated by all of the players. Below are the results for the first two rounds.

RESULTS 8TH MAY

Football 9's		TeeBall	
Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS	Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS
180	0	22	17
Soccer - boys		Soccer - Girls	
Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS	Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS
1	0	0	0
Netball - Mixed		Netball Girls	
Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS	Strathmore PS	Moonee Ponds PS
30	3	9	6



RESULTS 15TH MAY

Football 9's		TeeBall	
Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS	Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS
119	8	32	19
Soccer - boys		Soccer - Girls	
Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS	Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS
1	0	1	2
Netball - Mixed		Netball Girls	
Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS	Strathmore PS	Niddrie PS
48	4	8	24

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

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



WEEK 3

ART - Gulmeena A

For demonstrating the school value of **character** by listening well in her art session and by asking a tremendous question. Well done!

ITALIAN - Aryan D

For displaying the value of **character** in Italian by always putting in a wonderful effort and doing his best.

MUSIC - Jack P

For displaying the school value of **'inspiration'** through your fantastic glockenspiel playing this week. You were perfectly in time with the music! Well done!

PE - Alisa H

For consistently displaying the school values of **character**, **inspiration**, and **connection** through the pride you take in your PE sessions, your readiness to support others, and the positive, thoughtful way you work alongside your peers. Fantastic effort!

FA - Molly C

For demonstrating the school value of **character** and **inspiration** for the caring way you assist others and make sure they are ok.

FA - Laila R

For demonstrating the school value of **character** by making great choices in class and outside. Well done Laila!

ALL 1/2s - All Year 1/2 Students

For demonstrating the school values of **character**, **inspiration**, **endeavour** and **connection** during the Year 1/2 swimming program. Well done and great effort everyone!

1/2A - Liron D

For demonstrating the school value of **inspiration** by being brave.

1/2B - Abigail S

For demonstrating the school values of **'character'**, **'inspiration'**, **'connection'** and **'endeavour'** by having a positive attitude and always working to the best of your ability in all learning areas. SUPERB effort Abigail!

1/2C - Rafael M

Rafael demonstrated the school values of **'Connection'** and **'Endeavour'** for being brave and trying his best when participating in his swimming lessons. Well done, Rafael!

1/2C - Isla R

Isla demonstrated the school values of **'Connection'** and **'Endeavour'** for being brave and trying her best when participating in her swimming lessons. Well done, Isla!

1/2D - Tanaka M

For demonstrating the school value of **character** and **inspiration** for the caring way you assist others and make sure they are ok.

3/4B - Grace A

For displaying all the school values through your fantastic approach to learning and contributing in our classroom. It is encouraging to see you trying your hardest at all times. Well done Grace, you superstar!

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES



WEEK 3 CONT.

3/4C - Ellie Du

For demonstrating the school values of **endeavour** and **character** by showing courage during 'Show n Tell' and sharing her tooth squeeze toy that she got from the dentist.

Great Job Ellie, I am super proud of you!!

5/6A - Clarissa F

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** for working to the very best of her ability during Literacy to write and complete her autobiography using the correct structure. Well Done.

5/6C - Eray V

For demonstrating the school value of **character** and **inspiration** for working to the very best of your ability in Literacy Groups. You did a fantastic job writing a biography about Ahn Do, including lots of interesting facts. Well Done and keep up the amazing work. Mrs McNiece

5/6C - Ulac I

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** through your amazing effort in Inquiry. Well done Ulac, keep up the fantastic work!

5/6D - Aydin C

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** for working to the very best of his ability during Literacy to remain focused and by writing and completing his autobiography using the correct structure. Well Done.

WEEK 4

ART - Eren C

For demonstrating the school value of **character** by working well in his art session and by asking a tremendous question. Well done!

ITALIAN - Grace B

For demonstrating **inspiration** with her effort and passion with singing two Italian songs related to the weather.

MUSIC - Joshua D

For demonstrating the school value of '**inspiration**' through his fantastic glockenspiel playing. He played 'Old MacDonald' perfectly. Well done, Joshua!

PE - Eren C

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** by working to the very best of your ability in Phys Ed this week.

Talia O

FA - For demonstrating our school values of **inspiration** and **endeavour** by trying your best and showing a positive attitude towards

FA - your learning. Keep up the fantastic effort.

Matteo C

For demonstrating our school value of **endeavour** by always giving your best and showing a positive attitude towards your

1/2A - learning. Keep up the fantastic effort

Harrison W

For showing the School value of **endeavour** with his effort to increase his writing stamina.

1/2B - Well Done!

Rupert T

For demonstrating the school values of '**inspiration**' and '**endeavour**' by writing a terrific information report about a butterfly. FANTASTIC effort Rupert!

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES



WEEK 4_{CONT.}

1/2C - Vinny E

Vinny demonstrated the school values of '**Character** and **Inspiration**' for contributing more in Maths lessons and for assisting other students with their Lego Spike creations. Well done, Vinny!

1/2D - Jake H

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** by working to the very best of your ability everyday.

3/4B - Ellie D

For demonstrating all of the Strathmore Primary School values through your outstanding effort and enthusiasm during participation in the Year 3/4 swimming program. Well done Ellie!

3/4C - Phillip S

Phillip demonstrated the school values of '**Connection**' and '**Endeavour**' for being a superstar and displaying amazing behaviour during swimming lessons. Well done, Phillip!

5/6A - Nahla W

For demonstrating the school values or **character** and **endeavour** for always working to the very best of your ability, including during Math and Interschool sport. Well done and keep up the great work.

5/6B - Abby K

for displaying the school values of **character** and **endeavour** in the way you engage with all aspects of school and support your peers! Well done Abby!

5/6C - Ryan G

For consistently demonstrating the school values of **character**, **inspiration** and **endeavour** in the way you learn, participate and support others. Keep up the great work, Ryan!

5/6C - Zeynep O

For showing the school values of **character** and **connection** through the way you have worked so hard in Literacy Groups. Well done, Zeynep!

5/6D - Sam H

For demonstrating the school values of **endeavour** and **inspiration** with the way you have engaged in class this week, asked questions, and taken initiative with your learning. Keep it up, Sam!

5/6D - Oliver C

For consistently demonstrating all of our school values with the way you bring your best each day in terms of effort and application to your work, the care you show for other students and staff, and always being curious. Keep up the great work, OC!



Strathmore Primary School

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**.

Last day to order is midnight, Saturday, May 23, 2026.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/strathmore-primary-school>