Wednesday, 14th February, 2018

School Vision Statement

Together, the Strathmore Primary School community will promote a commitment to lifelong learning. Through a stimulating and challenging environment, we will empower our students to reach their potential and to become caring and productive members of an ever-changing world.

2018 School Council Election Information

I would like to inform parents and teachers that today the 14th of February 2018 forms will be available from the school office for school council nominations. If the numbers of nominations exceed the number of vacancies, we will need to hold an election. Every year a number of school councillors retire, but they do have the option to renominate. This year the following School Councillors have completed their two-year term ... Simon Van Der Oord, Matt Finlay, Roger Farley (who was filling a one-year vacancy) and Peter Olm. I would like to thank them for their contribution to Strathmore Primary School. This means we will have three parent vacancies and one DET vacancy. The timeline for the 2017 School Council elections will be as follows ...

Wednesday 14th February - call for nominations
Wednesday, 28th February - nominations close
Wednesday, 7th March - distribute ballot papers (if required)
Wednesday, 14th March - count votes and declare poll

A reminder to all 2017 School Council members that we will be holding our first meeting for the year on Monday, 19th of February in the staffroom. Please be aware of the early start time of 6.30pm.

Congratulations to our School Captains and Vice captains (Scarlett Karagiannis, Owen Winkel, Lucy Chestnutt and Aliyar Isik) for taking their first school assembly this week. I was proud of them and the way they worked together on Monday morning.

Writing VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectors, Openers and Punctuation) Curriculum Day

On Thursday the 22nd of February, there is a Pupil Free Day. Students will not attend school on this day. The teaching staff will be engaged in a Professional Learning Day on the VCOP Writing Program that is implemented across our whole school from Foundation to Year 6. Teachers will continue to learn about this writing framework with a focus on the assessment of writing.

Before and After School Program will operate providing there is at least 15 children registered to attend.

Parent Teacher Information Conferences

This is the final reminder about our Parent Teacher conferences that are scheduled to be held on, Tuesday, 20th and Wednesday, 21st of February.

Please refer to the attachment for booking details. All booking times can be completed online. It is important for all parents to attend these information sessions.

School Photos

This is a reminder about our school photos. Please take note that school photos will be taken next Tuesday the 20th of February. All students received information about the purchasing of photo packs.

Parents Club

It was great to see some new faces at the Parents Club Meeting on Monday evening. Congratulations to Julia Dammanin the new Parent Club President. Thank you to Caron Naiker, Treasurer and Lisa Dalley who will be continuing in their roles in 2018.

We look forward to your wonderful community events and fundraising throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Hannah Jacobson former Parents Club President and Janine Swift Parent Club School Council representative for their commitment, time and contribution.
Safety of students at Pick up and Drop off times
The pink zone areas outside our school on both Lloyd Street and York Street are not for parking in. This is for drop off and pick up only area and parents must not get out of the car. There are clearly marked signs indicating this. Currently we have many parents parking in this area and leaving their car. This means the drop off and pick up zones cannot operate effectively. The Moonee Valley Council has been contacted about this. Traffic infringement notices will be issued if you park and leave your car in the pink zones before and after school. If students are waiting to be picked up by car, please do not encourage them to walk out into the middle of the road to get into the car. I also need to remind parents when crossing the road students must use the marked crossings where a person uses a stop sign to stop the traffic. Students must wait until a whistle is blown before crossing the road. Both York Street and Lloyd streets are extremely busy before and after school. It is unsafe for students to be crossing outside of the patrolled crossings. I have been very disappointed to see some dangerous actions putting our students at risk during these times and would like to see safe and respectful behaviour at all times.

Foundation Family BBQ
School Council along with our Foundation teachers is organising a Foundation Family BBQ to welcome our Foundation students and families to the Strathmore Primary School Community. This will be held on Thursday the 15th of March starting at 6.00 (weather permitting). Our Foundation Students have settled in really well and are very excited about school and their learning. They are becoming comfortable with school routine and are establishing some great friendships. Special amongst these friendships are the Buddy relationships that have been formed between our Foundation students and the grade 5 students. We are so proud of our Foundation students.

Parent Concerns
Many challenges confront us on a daily basis, and within the school community, this is true of staff, parents and students. On most occasions, these challenges are simple and we are able to cope and adjust. However, on some occasions parents or their children may be concerned about something, which the school needs to be made aware. The school is keen to address any parent concerns as soon as they arise. In most cases, this involves reassuring parents or informing them of school procedures. However, in some instances, it may also involve putting special processes in place to support students. Parents can make an appointment to speak to any staff member, including the Principal and Assistant Principal by telephoning the school. In most cases, staff will return your call on the same day and a mutually convenient time to discuss the concern can be arranged. Parent’s attention is drawn to the Parent Concerns and Complaints policy which is available on the school’s website.

House Cross Country
Our house captains and all the grade 3-6 students will take part in the school’s annual Cross Country event on Friday the 2nd of March at Alf Pearce Reserve. The students have been training for this event. Thank you to the parent volunteers who will be assisting on the day. We cannot run this event without your support. I wish the house captains well with their first sporting event.

Building Project Update
We are at a very exciting stage!! The new Administration Building is very close to being finished our moving in day is scheduled for the 22nd of February. This means as of the 23rd of February you will access the school office from the front entrance in Lloyd Street.

Kind Regards,

Debbie Starpins
Principal
Strathmore Primary School

Parent-Teacher Information Meetings

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent-Teacher Information Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} February. Times on both nights will begin at 3:40pm, with final bookings starting at 6:20pm.

Meeting times are strictly for a maximum of 10-minutes in duration.

The school will be using the website \url{http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/} for parents to book in their conference times with their child’s classroom teacher.

The website will be open for bookings from 5:00pm Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} February. Bookings will close on Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} February at 11:00am.

The “School Event Code” is: \texttt{jnqgp}

Please use the exact website address. There are other similarly named websites on the internet, but they are not the same website. The correct site should look like the following:

![Image of website interface]

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q. When can I book a time for a meeting on the website?
A. The website will be open for bookings from 5:00pm Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} February. Bookings will close on Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} February at 11:00am.

Q. Do I use the same “Event Code” if I have more than one child?
A. Yes, you can use the same “Event Code” to select times with different teachers.

Q. What should I do if I am unable to access the internet?
A. Send a note as soon as possible, with preferred times, for the class teacher to book for you.

Q. How will I know that the meeting has actually been booked?
A. The website will generate an e-mail to confirm your booking and you may also log back in to the website at a later date, using the “Event Code” to generate a reminder e-mail.

Q. What can I do if there are no times or days available that suit me?
A. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to request a different time or day.

Q. Can I change times or cancel my booking?
A. Yes. Logging back in to the website using the details generated for you when you made your booking will allow you to change to other available times or make a cancellation.
Get Ready for Prep

1. Practice the journey to and from school
2. Arrange play dates with families who will have kids at the same school
3. Encourage independence. Skills like dressing, packing and carrying a bag, applying sunscreen, going to the toilet
4. Label all belongings
5. Talk about, and show your child any after-school arrangements
6. Check start and finish times and where to drop off and collect your child
7. Be positive, get your child excited, and talk about any worries they have
8. Visit a library and read with your child
9. Start using the name of their new teacher to help build familiarity
10. Establish predictable routines including dinner, bath time and bed time
### YMCA Children’s Services
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#### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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For afternoon tea, a large fruit platter is served in addition to the items listed above.

Afternoon Tea and the Daily activities may change due to circumstances on any given day.

Our program is designed for children of different ages & differences. Outside play is encouraged when the weather is fine. Children have a choice to participate in inside or outside activities.

**STRATHMORE NEWS**

Hi again Strathmore! All our families are settling in well and we have a diverse group this year. Elections are in process for our Student Leaders and results will be known soon.

The YMCA are currently reviewing the Menu’s offered at their services and this includes our own. Sadly some things will go into retirement (eg. Milo, white bread, full cream milk) but this opens the door to try new and exciting items. The children have embraced this and are working on some colourful posters for our room.

We are still accepting enrolments for care but are finding that many families are not completing the online registration. Unless we have a registration form we cannot accept children into care. If you are experiencing difficulties please either call Children’s Program or speak to program staff who will point you in the right direction. Parents who have not yet supplied an updated Medical Management Plan (no older than one month, will not be able to access the program until this has been rectified.

We welcome Tim to our program. Tim is an enthusiastic team member and is keen on sports and making people smile.

If anyone happens to be having a clean out and comes across any games or a cd player that are still in good working order and no longer want, please keep us in mind.

Linda Reid & Team
Strathmore P.S OSHC Coordinator

**CANCELLATION POLICY REMINDER**

Cancellations must be made in writing or online with one week’s notice. Normal fees apply if these requirements are not met. You’re assistance with this enables us to remain compliant with the boundaries of our licence, child to staff ratios and to provide the best possible care to the children attending.

**YMCA Children’s Services**

Outside School Hours Care

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For all Bookings and Cancellations please call us directly on 9379 4347 or email us: strathmoreoshc@ymca.org.au

For any Account Information please call our office on: 8371 0500

www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au
This year we will be celebrating ‘Giornata di Carnevale’ (Carnevale Day) on Tuesday 13th March. Permission notes and information went home on Monday. Please sign both notes and return promptly but no later than Thursday 1st March.

Don’t forget to use the website or apps for LINGUASCOPE, a language program that the school has purchased. Please note the username and password.

Username: italstrath
Password: amoitalian

Grazie!
Signorina Pane
Girls, come and play AFL!

We're hosting a free AFL 9s competition for girls aged 8 to 13 years.
Girls will compete in a non-contact, round robin competition with nine girls in each team, with two levels of teams: Under 9s and Under 10s.

This event is a great opportunity for local players and fans to get involved with a sport they love.

Where: Canning Reserve, Ardeer Heights
When: Sunday, 26 February, 9am–1pm

Girls don't need any prior experience and there will be lots of fun activities including games, a photo booth, hair colouring and a DJ to keep the kids entertained throughout the event.
Call 9373 2712 or email pauline.i@essendonfl.com.au to register.

Bat discovery night

Free event

Guided tour | Pop up games | Sausage sizzle | Costume competition
Join an expert to get up close and personal with our local bats.

When: Wednesday, 11 April, 6.30pm
Where: Napier Park, corner Glenbowrie Road and Noble Avenue, Strathmore
Visit mvcc.vic.gov.au/enviroevents or call 9243 8888 to register.

STRATHMORE FOOTBALL CLUB

JUNIOR GRIFFEN 2018

Our popular Junior Griffin program designed for Boy and Girls aged 4 to 6 years of age will again be running in 2018, recommencing on Friday 13th April 2018 4:30 - 5:15pm at Lebanon Reserve.

AFL & Strathmore champion Scott West will again be co-ordinating this amazing programme.

Cost for this program is $100 includes Childs Membership and a training top, the program will run for 13 weeks in line with the E afl Juniors competition.

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPENING SHORTLY VIA STRATHMORE FOOTBALL CLUB WEBSITE: WWW.SUNCORP.netGO.COM.AU

We currently have an opportunity for businesses to sponsor our Junior Griffin program, this will include your logo on training tops and on marketing material. If you are interested or have any other inquiries please feel free to email Adam Swinden at juniorgfl@strathmorefc.com.au

BEGINNERS NETBALL AGES 5 - 12
Friday afternoons from 3:45pm

STARS
STRATHMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
14 LLOYD STREET STRATHMORE
Brunswick Hockey Club seek players (Girls and Boys) for all age groups.

U/10, U/12, U14 and U16

Brunswick cater for all ages and abilities, including U12 Shield and Girls teams at each age group.

Awesome Club and Team atmosphere!

Home ground at
Brunswick Secondary College

For more details contact
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or phone 0421 610 194