School Council Election

Our school elections have been completed and I am pleased to announce to you the newly elected school councillors who have filled this year’s vacancies. In our parent category, we welcome Travis Jones one of our new prep dads and we welcome back Roger Farley and Matt Finlay. In the DET category congratulations go to Peter Olm. The parent Club representative will be Liz Astruc.

I would also like to introduce to you to the other members of our School Council. The parent representatives are Heidi Fitzpatrick, Meagan Taylor, Suzi Beayni and Elizabeth Toy. The other teacher representative is Rose Swindon. I would like to thank all School Councillors and welcome them to the new 2018 school year. Our first School Council meeting with the new council will be on Monday the 26th of March. The new School Council Office bearers will be elected into the positions and the School Council Sub Committees will be formed. Please note this meeting will begin at 6.30. Meeting details and agendas will be emailed out to all School Councillors before the meeting. Congratulations, I am sure it will be a productive and successful year.

New School Administration Area Building update

We are all very excited to be in our new office spaces. The new entrance to our school is so much more spacious and welcoming. As you can imagine it has been a big move and it will take some time to be operational. We thank you for your patience during this transition time.

We are experiencing difficulty with the phone lines and ask you use 03 9379 5693 until the line problem is rectified. If you enter the school grounds during the school day, you need to come through the main office area to sign in or sign out. We ask that all our school visitors do this for the safety of all our students. The ramp access to the main building is a student and staff access to the main building and we ask for visitors and parents not to use this as the entry to the school. When picking up and dropping off students you can use the normal entry gates. Once our new key system is in place we are planning to lock some of our entry gates to the school during the school day for extra safety for the students.

The 1/2 students who are currently housed in the old foundation building and will move into their new learning space before the end of the term. The proposed date is the 19th March. This will be another exciting milestone of our building project. Internal demolition of the old Administration building will begin next Monday.
**Foundation Family BBQ**

As mentioned in previous newsletters the School Council organises a Foundation Family BBQ to welcome our foundation students and families to the Strathmore Community. This will be held on Thursday the 15th of March starting at 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

We are so proud of how our foundation students have fitted into our School Community and the school routine and their learning programs.

**Parents Club**

Please read the Parent Club Information attached to this newsletter for all the information about their Easter Raffle. Students love it on the last day of the school term when the raffles are drawn at our final term 1 assembly. You can help with some donations and also the purchase of some tickets.

**Coles Vouchers**

Thank you for collecting the Coles vouchers for our school. This is a great way to have some extra sports equipment come into our school. I know our students will be very excited when it arrives. Vouchers can be placed in the collection box at Coles North Essendon or in the entry foyer.

**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. I hope you can join us for this special event.

Kind Regards,

Debbie Starpins
Principal
Positive Behaviour Support and Values Education at Strathmore PS

At Strathmore Primary School there is a school-wide approach towards positive student behavior. We refer to this approach as the “Positive Behaviour Support” Framework (or PBS). There are three areas in the framework, being; Safety, Respect and Learning. In each learning space, a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Matrix is displayed, outlining specific actions that are expected with regards to Safety, Respect and Learning across activities at school. This covers the classroom, the yard, events or on excursions as well as when using the internet or other forms of digital learning. The Matrix acts as a consistent guide for students to know how to behave and learn positively in these contexts.

![Safety Icon]
SAFETY
I act safely and show care for others

![Respect Icon]
RESPECT
I respect people and property

![Learning Icon]
LEARNING
I am open to new learning and take responsibility for my effort

Recently, families will have noticed the school’s new “Positive Behaviour Framework” guideline booklets come home with students. Please make sure that these booklets have been discussed at home and then returned to school.

Values Education – “Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships”
The school uses the Department of Education and Training’s “Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships” age-appropriate resource as part of its Values Education program. Throughout the year, students are engaged in age-appropriate learning about values and behaviours that support development and understanding of:

- Emotional Literacy
- Personal Strengths
- Positive Coping
- Problem Solving
- Stress Management
- Help Seeking
- Gender and Identity
- Positive Gender Relations

What is Emotional Literacy?
Recently, students have been learning about emotional literacy. Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Parents can support children to develop emotional literacy by modelling the identification of emotions and encouraging children to express how they feel in constructive ways, whether the emotion is positive or negative. Supporting students to know that all people experience emotions, both positive and negative is also a key in developing emotional literacy. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

Support
If at any time, you have concerns or issues that you would like to raise regarding the needs of your child/ren in relation to learning or social/emotional matters, classroom teachers provide a good first port of call. Additionally, please feel free to make contact with Peter Olm (Assistant Principal), particularly if there is a need to discuss more sensitive or complex information. Strathmore Primary School prides itself on being a school that implements a thorough approach towards supporting students with learning and wellbeing. Good communication between parents, teachers and school leadership enables this to occur.
This year we will be celebrating ‘Giornata di Carnevale’ (Carnevale Day) on Tuesday 13th March. Permission notes are due tomorrow (1st March).

Foundation students have been speaking a lot of Italian since starting school:
- Ciao: Hi/Bye
- Buongiorno: Good morning/Good day
- Come ti chiami? What is your name?
- Mi chiamo... My name is...
- Come stai? How are you?
- Bene: Well, così così: ok, male: sick

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
Hot Cross Bun Drive!
Don’t forget to get your Hot Cross Bun orders in ASAP!
• Orders and money are due back Tuesday 13th March.
• Delivery will be on Tuesday 20th March.
• Order forms are available from the office.
• $2 from each pack sold goes directly to our school!

Don’t forget, the 3 highest selling students will receive a $30 prize pack!

Each pack ordered receives a Free Sandwich Loaf or Rolls Voucher!
Please feel free to contact Pamela if you have any questions, or can help with distribution of orders at school on 20th March: Ph: 0431 341 108

Parent Club Meeting!
We would love for you to come along to our next Parent Club meeting! Meet other parents, have cuppa and a chat, and hear more about the initiatives of Parent Club, and how these enrich the school experience for our children!
Tuesday 13th March, 7:30pm in the staff room

ICY-POLES ARE FOR SALE EACH FRIDAY LUNCH TIME IN TERM 1 & 4
JUST 50 CENTS EACH!
Thank you to Debra Lee for her on-going support of this initiative, and the awesome parents who have filled the roster for term 1! Fabulous effort!

Term 1 Events:
• 13th March: Parent Club Meeting, 7:30pm in the staff room – All welcome!
• 13th March: Hot Cross Bun Drive, orders due in.
• 20th March: Hot Cross Bun Drive, orders distributed.
• 23rd March: Term 1 Bake Sale, proceeds going to grades 5/6.
• Easter Raffle: (TBC)

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/174046279719740/
MOONEE VALLEY SCHOOLS NETWORK

2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO

Wednesday, 21st March 2018

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

In the Gym at Moonee Ponds West Primary School

150 Athol Street Moonee Ponds

All Grade 4, 5 & 6 children and their parents/carers are invited to attend the 2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO to learn more about our local Secondary Schools.

Buckley Park College

Mount Alexander College

Essendon Keilor College (East Keilor and Niddrie Campuses)

Rosehill Secondary College

Strathmore Secondary College

These schools will have displays and information handouts for interested families, plus personnel to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. The format is informal, so you are free to visit whichever display you wish to, any time between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

We look forward to your attendance.

For further enquiries ring 8331 0100.
Gardening with Children: Free community workshop

In a world dominated by technology and homes that no longer have much outdoor play space, it's time we brought the gardens to the children! In this workshop, you and your children will learn what it takes to make plants grow well and enjoy several activities together that your children get to take home.

Be inspired with simple activities to engage the kids, nourish their natural curiosity and help them get their hands dirty!

Please note that the workshop is targeted at primary school aged children and that you need to book a spot for each participant including children.

**When:** Sunday 18 March, 10am - 12pm  
**Where:** Moonee Ponds Primary School, 87 Wilson St, Moonee Ponds  