Curriculum/Resources and ICT Contributions

Thankyou to the many families (currently standing at 50%) who have paid these voluntary contributions. Already this year we have purchased a number of big screen TVs to replace the old interactive whiteboards. This has also included Apple TVs to allow the student ipads and apps to be interactive and a further order is in the process of being placed. Many of the learning apps have been updated and we have renewed our subscription to Showbie, the platform that the 5/6 teachers and students use in the BYO Personal Device Program to facilitate collaborative learning, communication and sharing of student’s work. As further contributions come in, we will continue our ICT upgrades.

The curriculum contribution has enhanced our Visual Arts, Music/Performing Arts, PE and Inquiry Learning Programs to enable quality resources to be purchased and used across the school to ensure these learning areas have a continued supply of quality resources and consumables to maximise student engagement and learning. Our two school publications “Along the Waze” and “Primary Daze” celebrating our learning each year are also subsidised through these contributions.

If you have not paid your contribution it would be greatly appreciated

ICT $85.00  Curriculum/Resources $100.00

School Council Elections

Our first School Council meeting with the new council will be on Monday, 26th 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 prior to the meeting.

School Uniform

At Strathmore Primary School we have a compulsory School Uniform Policy and there is an expectation that all students wear the appropriate clothes and colours. I have noticed that a number of students are wearing black pants, shorts and leggings instead of navy blue. All our uniform items are available from Noone Image-wear, 543 Keilor Road, Niddrie. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to the SPS Uniform Policy.
**Professional Practice Days A focus on teaching practice at SPS**

Four professional practice days per year for teachers (one full day per term, pro rata for a teacher employed part time) are provided to release teachers from their scheduled duties to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. These days are in addition to the existing pupil-free days. The four professional practice days will create opportunities for individual teachers by increasing time available to focus, reflect on and improve their individual practice and to have the opportunity to engage in purposeful collaboration so as to impact student learning. The Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017 (VGSA 2017) states that the work undertaken on these days will be consistent with Departmental and school priorities and selected from: planning, preparation, assessment of student learning, collaboration, curriculum development, relevant. When our teachers access these days a casual relief teacher will be employed.

**District Swimming**

A number of our students represented our school at the District Swimming Trials yesterday. Congratulations on reaching this level! Mr Lepore, Ms. Cvek and Ms. Reilly together with parent volunteers assisted with and supported this event. They were all great representatives and cheered on each of the students in their events. Please see Mr. Lepore’s PE report attached.

**Grade 6 Transition**

Flyers and information from a range of secondary schools has begun to arrive in our school. We do our best to have the information available for you and attach information to the school newsletter. We will also set up a Grade 6 Transition Board in the BER for Grade 5/6 students. Strathmore Secondary College is one of our main feeder schools. I advise parents and guardians of students in Grade 6 to contact the school for tours and information sessions or, alternatively, you can visit the Strathmore College website. [http://www.strathmore.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment_tours.aspx](http://www.strathmore.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment_tours.aspx).

Later in April a letter will go out to all parents of Grade 6 students in relation to the timeline and placement procedures.

Mrs Swindon is the Grade 6 Transition Coordinator this year. If you have any questions about transition you are welcome to contact her.

**Carnevale Day**

The very popular Italian Carnevale Day was a great way to start our week. The day was about celebrating and embracing the learning of the Italian language. This was definitely achieved. The day began with a special assembly in the hall. 5/6E opened the assembly with Carnevale “Ale Song” this was followed by 1/2E performing a song called “Buongiorno”, 3/4B performing Arlecchino and some Italian poems performed by some 3/4 and 5/6 students. The students enjoyed dressing up in Italian colours, costumes and soccer teams. The assembly was followed by Italian rotation activities, a comedy show and the opportunity to have a gelati ice cream. A huge thank you to Ms Pane for all her hard work in organising and running this wonderful event. A big thank you also to Shaan Mahal, Beau Brown-Russell and Maia King who were the hosts on the day and lead the Carnevale assembly. They did a fantastic job!

**Foundation Family BBQ**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the School Council Foundation Family BBQ to welcome our Foundation students and families to the Strathmore Community will be held this Thursday. It will be on the edge of the oval near the Foundation playground area. I look forward to this meeting you all.

**Building Update—New Learning Spaces**

Our plan to move the three 1/2 classes from the old prep building into their new learning space is still on track for the Monday, 19th March. The builders are now working on the old administration area which will provide some further learning spaces for the 1/2 classes. This should be ready by mid May.

**Parents’ Club**

Please read the Parents’ Club information attached to this newsletter for all details 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. The response has been wonderful. This is a great opportunity to get extra sports equipment for our school. Keep up the great work and thank you.

Parking, Pick up and Drop Off, Pink Zones
Thank you to all the parents who have been doing the right thing and been patient during the school drop off and pick up times (using the school crossings and parking in the right areas and not pulling into driveways to drop off or turn around). It is really important that all our students are safe during this busy time. Unfortunately, some parents are still doing very dangerous things during this time.
The pink lined area for parking can only be used for drop off and pick up. This means you cannot leave your car. If you use this area, your children need to walk into school on their own. If you are walking into the school yard you are required to park elsewhere.

Kind Regards,

Debbie Starpins
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.

School Values

Strathmore Primary School has recently aligned its School Values with the PBS Framework. For each area of the PBS Matrix, Key Values have been selected following a process that involved surveying students, the student-led “Resiliency Project”, teachers and parent members of School Council. The graphic below demonstrates the alignment between the areas of the PBS and the School Values.

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

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships learning materials use a range of collaborative learning strategies which in themselves, provide opportunities to develop social skills. The teaching and learning activities use a range of collaborative learning activities such as paired sharing, small group problem solving, scenario-based discussions, skill development exercises, role plays, storytelling, games, experiential activities and class discussions.

What are Personal Strengths?

Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. Covering this topic with students provides learning to build vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges. Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. Social and emotional learning programs that use strength-based approaches promote student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement.
District Swimming

Congratulations to all of our 39 students who attended the EDPSSA Swimming Trials yesterday.

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All of our students swam extremely well, with many students placing in the top 3 swimmers for their races. Thank you to Miss Czek and Miss Reilly as well as the parent helpers who assisted on the day.

An extra congratulations, to the following students who have progressed through to the Divisional Trials next week:

- Matthew Moncur – Freestyle
- Aaron Suitela – Freestyle, Butterfly
- Oliver Moxon – Breaststroke
- Scarlett Karagiannis – Breaststroke
- Boys 9/10 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Louis Prystupa, Jamie Murray, Matthew Moncur & James Taylor)
- Boys Mixed Age 4x50m Medley Relay (Matthew Moncur, Oliver Moxon, Aaron Suitela & Jack Ryan)

Mr Lepore
Hot Cross Bun Drive!
Thank you for your Hot Cross Bun Orders!
Delivery will be on Tuesday 20th March. If you can help with distribution at school, please text Pamela on Ph: 0431 341 108

EACH PACK ORDERED RECEIVES A FREE SANDWICH LOAF OR ROLLS VOUCHER!
STAY TUNED FOR OUR WINNERS, TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Easter Raffle Donations
For our Easter Raffle, we are looking for donations of Chocolate Easter Eggs, or Easter-themed items! Donations will be collected from the classrooms on Monday 26th March (only on this date).

Easter Raffle Tickets are due back on Wednesday 28th March, to be drawn at assembly that week.

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:
- Tues 20th March: Hot Cross Bun Drive, orders distributed.
- Fri 23rd March: Term 1 Bake Sale, proceeds going to grades 5/6.
- Mon 26th March: Raffle Donations collected from classrooms
- Wed 28th March: Easter Raffle tickets due back!

Term 2 Events (TBC):
- School Disco
- Mother’s Day Stall
- T2 Bake Sale
- Cadbury Chocolate Drive
Bake Sale, Term 1, 2018

The Bake Stall for Term 1 will be run by the Grades 5/6 with money raised going towards classroom equipment.

The Bake Stall will be held in the Hall, on Friday, 23rd March, opening at lunchtime to students, with parents able to purchase from 3pm onwards. Individual items will be available for children to purchase. Prices start from 50 cents.

A great website for Bake Sale ideas is 'pinterest'

Due to Health Regulations the stall cannot sell anything that contains fresh cream, uncooked egg or requires refrigeration.

Your goodies must be covered. To make our 'Baked Goods' more appealing to the buyer, we suggest using a disposable plate and cover with clear cellophane and tie with a ribbon.

In accordance with Moonee Valley Council, we must be able to identify the ingredients used and be able to contact the person who baked the 'goods' should there be a problem. We therefore ask that you complete the ingredients form and attach to your baked goods. No names will be displayed on the goodies. The school has many children with allergies and it is vital ingredients be clearly and accurately recorded.

On the morning of the Bake Stall, please bring your baked goods to the Hall, where a volunteer will take the goods from you.

Helpers required on the day. Please contact Vicki Stakemire on 0415 883 796 if you are able to assist.

| Item Name: | CHILDS NAME:................................................... |
| Ingredients: | CLASS:............................................................ |
| Eggs:.............................. | CONTACT NO:.................................................. |
| Butter................................ | ITEM NAME:................................................... |
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOOTY CAMP

Next Gen Sports Academy endeavours to give boys and girls aged 7-14 years an opportunity to make friends and keep active over the school holidays whilst participating in fun activities to improve their footy skills.

DATE
Tuesday 10th April
Wednesday 11th April
Thursday 12th April
(Cats Only Day)

VENUE
Maribyrnong Park
Holmes Road,
Moonee Ponds

COST
$15 per day
$80 for 5 days

TIME
9am – 3pm

What To Expect
- Special guest appearances by current AFL players (check our social media for updates)
- giveaways
- Supply of healthy snacks, fruit, yogurt & water for the day
- Certificate of participation

Register Online
www.nextgensa.com.au

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KICKIN’ GOALS

A 10 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA’s Small-Sided Games

Date: 21st April - 23rd June 2018
Day: Saturday
Time: 9:30 - 11am
Venue: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale
Program: $200 (10 Weeks)
Gear: $100 (inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)

CONTACT DINO: 0414 930 421 | www.kickinggoals.com.au

CELEBRATING OUR 12th YEAR IN 2018

FUN  SKILLS  FITNESS
Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and parents to attend our Open Day on Monday 23rd April, 2018.

Information Sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

Morning: 9.00am – 10.30am  
Afternoon: 4.00pm – 5.30pm  
Evening: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Parents and children only need to attend one session. There is no need to register attendance.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN: YEAR 7 SEAL PROGRAM 2019
The SEAL Program provides differentiated teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The Program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend, and develop the gifts of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study a faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research. The SEAL program is suited to students who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior problem solving abilities.

Visit the College website for further information and to apply for the SEAL program:  
www.pvgc.vic.edu.au

If you are unable to attend our Open Day sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by contacting the College on 93062544 or online through the College website at www.pvgc.vic.edu.au