**Strathmore Primary School – Principal’s Report: July, 2018**

***Staffing***

I would like to congratulate Wayne McKenzie and Gabi Panozzo for their appointments to the position of Acting Assistant Principal. I know that both Wayne and Gabi will be exceptional in the roles and the appointments are a great recognition of their work and professionalism at the school over the last few years. Gabi will be taking on the role of Student Support Group co-ordination for Terms 3 and 4. When Gabi returns from leave in Week 3, she will be in contact with families in Student Support Groups to arrange times for meetings. As a result of Gabi’s appointment, she will be released from classroom teaching duties for Term 3. Stephanie Carey will be employed in the role of classroom teacher for 1/2E from Week 3 onwards. Stephanie has been employed at Strathmore Primary School a number of times this year as a relief teacher, covering a variety of roles across the school. Gabi will continue to attend PLT meetings in the 1/2 area and Stephanie Carey will be well supported as she works with the Year 1/2 PLT to plan and delivery high quality teaching and learning. Additionally, I would like to congratulate Ben Lepore on being appointed to an Acting Leading Teacher role as well as Stephanie Thompson for being appointed as the Year 1/2 Team Teaching and Learning Leader (a role which Gabi had previously held). These appointments reflect the high-quality work and professionalism of these teachers at our school.

***July Leave:***

* Gabi Panozzo (Long Service Leave) Weeks 1 and 2, Term 3
* Ben Lepore (Long Service Leave) Weeks 1 and 2, Term 3
* Angela Pane (Long Service Leave) Week 1, Term 3

***Professional Learning***

Throughout Term 3, School Leadership and Teaching and Learning Leaders will be attending the Victorian PLC Initiative Professional Learning course. Many schools across Victoria, including some from our network, will participate in the course which is targeted around improving student learning outcomes, such as enacting a culture of high expectations, improving relative growth in learning, improving collaboration and collective responsibility and efficacy amongst teachers. Additionally, members of School Leadership will also be involved in professional learning in relation to school governance, budgeting, financial reporting and workforce planning. Teachers will continue to be able to access a pro-rata professional practice day where they can be released to focus on work to continue to develop their teaching practice.

***Year 5/6 Camp***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rose Swindon for organising the camp as well as Gary Smith for being the on-camp co-ordinator. Many thanks to the staff who attended, including Jodi MacDonald, Nadene Boyd, Petrina Cvek, Melissa Gallagher, Matthew Lyons, Kirsten Way, Laura Emerson and Pam Williams. Thank you also to Paul Gauci and Pepi Colakovski who attended as parent helpers on the camp! Thank you also to Annamaria Vasil for providing an engaging learning program for the Year 5/6 students who did not attend camp, and also to Rose Swindon for taking 3/4C whilst Matthew Lyons attended camp.

***Building Update***

In the up-coming weeks, a concrete pour will be scheduled for the base of the stadium. The school has advised parents and neighbours via Flexibuzz and a letter drop in York Street. Families have been advised, that where possible, parents and students should endeavour to use the Lloyd Street entrance and exit points and the drop-off zone, rather than those on York Street, where there may be a higher concentration of traffic due to the works being underway.

***Parent Opinion Survey***

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents’ perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted between **Monday, 23rd July** to **Sunday, 26th August**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Randomly selected parents have been notified by receiving a letter in the mail that contains instructions for accessing the survey website, along with a unique login and password.

Peter Olm – Acting Principal