



Stanhope Primary School

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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work in schools have been recently updated.

Visitors, families and volunteers attending any school sites (both inside and outdoors) **MUST be double vaccinated and show proof of vaccination either via the Vic Services App or an issued certificate.** Before visitors and volunteers enter a school building they must:

- ◆ Check in with QR code.
- ◆ Wear a face mask.
- ◆ Be free of COVID-19 symptoms.
- ◆ Provide evidence of their vaccination status to be recorded at school.
- ◆ Adhere to COVID Safety requirements.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we move to a new stage of COVID normal. Further details available from the school upon request.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

This was postponed due to the extreme heat and will be rescheduled soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25th February

- ◆ ART

Monday 28th February

- ◆ LIBRARY

Thursday 3rd March

- ◆ Clean Up Day

Tuesday 8th March

- ◆ Elmore colouring entries due back

Please make sure your child has a set of working headphones.

These are absolutely essential for all students when taking the required online tests. Cheap sets can be purchased for \$5 and up. Headphones cannot be shared between students, so each child must have a set of their own.



From the Principal



Family Fun Night Disappointment

Mrs Sheedy organised Tuesday's Family Fun Night to start the year off with an event designed to meet together as a school community in an informal and fun way. Unfortunately, a combination of factors meant that the event had to be rescheduled. Hopefully, by rescheduling to a different night more families will be able to attend for this fun event!

Student Voice & Empowerment

This year, our students and I reviewed the Student Leaders Manual in light of the smaller numbers. We revised the leadership team down to two leaders and two possible assistant leaders. As an introduction to persuasive writing and providing a real world and authentic context, candidates wrote persuasive speeches and presented their cases to the whole school student body.

Focused Learning

This year, our students will be receiving close attention and opportunities for success with the availability and combined efforts of teachers, tutors and classroom assistants. I have been in discussion with the service provider for our wellbeing staff member, and he is hopeful that we will have someone to start within the next few weeks.

This week we have scheduled for our preliminary assessments in English and Maths, to establish starting points for each student. While students have been allocated Home rooms, their participation in Maths and English groupings will be determined in part, by their results in this initial testing. As part of the necessary rearrangement of classes, I am in the classroom with the grade 5's & 6's for literacy and maths, then Home Rooms join up for differentiated lessons in science, technology, music & drama and Project Based Learning.

RAT's

Students have been sent home with two RAT kits so far, to assist with testing for Covid and then isolating when there is a positive result. The use of these kits is voluntary but it is strongly encouraged to test students twice weekly as a matter of routine. Our classrooms have air purifiers installed and functioning to assist in minimising the risk of spreading the virus.



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**Christine
Owen**

FROM THE **Business Manager**



Mica will still be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I am happy to discuss confidential payment options for fees or camps & excursions with you.

Café Lunch Orders

**3rd Wednesday
of every month**

16th February

16th March

18th May

15th June

20th July

17th August

19th October

16th November

FREE TABLES
Just require collection



From the Principal



Grounds

Our grounds look rather grim at the moment, but the initial stage of the drainage works have been completed and shortly the next stage of installing a pathway around the main part of the school building will begin. This will be followed by restumping. Meanwhile, thank you to Steven, who has mowed our school oval. Our mower has decided to misbehave every time Phil has come out to mow the rest of the grounds. It's now been taken away, overhauled, and is now ready to get our grounds looking good again.

School Council

Last night we held the first school council meeting for the year. At the meeting, the notice for school council elections was called and **invitations for nominations to sit on school council are now in place.** Nomination forms can be collected from the office. Any parent or carer of a student attending our school is able to nominate for school council. School council is a terrific way to get to know what goes on behind the scenes in schools and have input to the direction of the school. There are several vacancies, so don't be shy about putting your name forward, or even nominate someone else (with their permission) you think would be a great asset on council.

Hot Weather Inside Play

After a very respectful meeting of all students and teachers, the assembly room is now available for students to access during break times. We are beginning to set up board games, chalk, dress ups and the like for quiet-type play. In hot or wet weather this will be preferable to being outside or stuck within the same classrooms during break times. Here's some photos to show what our students think!

In the classrooms

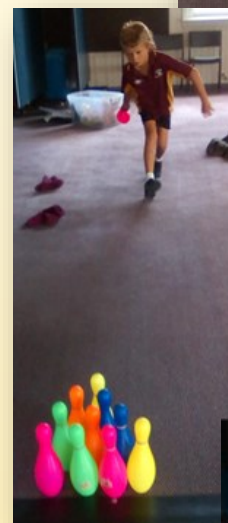
The dingoes have been learning about reading comprehension strategies. Using Prior Knowledge is where we make use of information we already know about a topic, when we read. We did an impromptu 'What do We Already know About?' activity on 'elephants'. Turns out, the students knew quite a lot!



Christine Owen



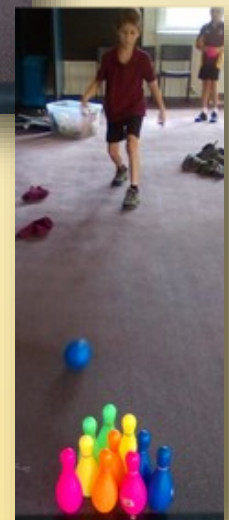
Stanhope's Frozen



Bowling whiz!



Cooper honing his skills



Tyler, Joel & Jarred cooperative farming!

What we're doing in the Classrooms

Mrs Sheedy & Ms Owen

Prep to Six students focussed on “leadership” and talked about the qualities of a good leader. In the task below, the students practised their leadership skills. The students were able to choose their own groups. Some groups worked better together than others by showing excellent teamwork. It was also due to there being a clear leader, who the others were willing to listen to, cooperate with and trust to complete the task.



TASK: Tallest Tower Built

Each team has three or four people. They must build the tallest tower using paper, tape and scissors. Two team members have the left hand of one and the right hand of the other tied together. The other team members are blindfolded. Those that aren't blindfolded, each have one hand free to cut paper, etc. They also must give directions to the blindfolded players to build the tallest tower



Elmore Tractor Pull colouring competition

Some students are entering the competition.

Completed entries need to be back at school by Tuesday 8th March and we will send off all of the entries together.





ENROLMENTS 2022

Enrolments for 2022 are now open for our school.

Parents or carers can contact the school to speak with the principal, Christine, or to collect an enrolment pack.
School tours by appointment.

- ◆ Small caring environment.
- ◆ Individual learning plans to ensure high student outcomes.
- ◆ Engaging curriculum delivery.
- ◆ Parent involvement encouraged.

SAVE OUR POOL TOWN MEETING

Friday 18th February

BBQ 5.30pm

Meeting 6pm

All Welcome to attend and bring your considered

ideas to keep our pool open

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1300 22 4636

AWARDS



RESPECT:

Joel, Tyler, Lily, Seth, Sienna, Marcus, Declan, Breeana, Patrice, Jarred, Blake, Amelia, Cooper, Lennon, Bree, Kialla & Lilly.

HIGHEST CLASS DOJO POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Amelia

CITIZENSHIP:

Blake, Joel & Tyler.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Stanhope Primary School
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Parent Interest Survey

(Please be aware this is an initial survey only to establish viability, not a guarantee of such a service)

Q 1. Are you interested in accessing Outside School Hours Care in 2022 at Stanhope Primary School

- Yes
- Maybe, if extra numbers were required to make the program viable, I would consider it.
- No

Q 2. How many days per week would your child/children likely attend? (select all days that apply)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Less frequent than weekly (please indicate a timeframe below)

Q 3. What sessions would you be likely to use? (select all sessions that apply)

- Before School Care
- After School care
- Holiday Program

Other comments:

School council election process and timetable - 2022

School council election process and timetable

STANHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Event	Date
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday 17th February 2022
b) Closing date for nominations	Thursday 22nd February 2021
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday 23rd February 2021
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed if election required	On or before Monday 26th February 2022
e) Close of ballot if election required	Monday 7 th March 2022
f) Vote count if election required	Tuesday 3rd March 2022
g) Declaration of poll	Tuesday 3rd March 2022
h) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 16 th March 2022

Members of the Stanhope community are strongly encouraged to self-nominate for a Community member position on our school council. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office on Tuesday, or we can email a nomination form to you. We'd love to have some community input!

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FORM 4: NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(formerly Schedule 5B)

I wish to nominate..... for an elected position as a parent member on the
STANHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL council.

Candidate’s details

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

Name of nominator Date..... / /

Signature of nominator Date..... / /

Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date..... / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.