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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

DATES TO REMEMBER



MOSQUITO RISK

The Department of Education advises that due to the increase in mosquito-borne diseases, it is recommended that families send insect repellent with their child to school & show them how to apply avoiding eyes.

Choose a repellent with lower levels of DEET or picardin like:

- *Aerogard Odourless Protection*
- *RID Kids Medicated Repellent*
- *RID Low Irritant Medicated Repellent*

Tuesday 7th February

- ◆ ART

Wednesday 8th February

- ◆ NO PREPS at school

Thursday 9th February

- ◆ eSafety Session

Tuesday 14th February

- ◆ LIBRARY

Wednesday 15th February

- ◆ NO PREPS at school
- ◆ School Council 7pm

Tuesday 21st February

- ◆ ART

Wednesday 22nd February

- ◆ NO PREPS at school

Tuesday 28th February

- ◆ LIBRARY

Tuesday 7th March

- ◆ ART

Monday 13th March

- ◆ *Labour Day Public Holiday*

From the Principal



**Christine
Owen**

Welcome!

We wish everyone a very warm welcome back to our small but happy and vibrant school! A special welcome to Spencer who has joined his brothers here as our new Prep student. A very big thank you to all the staff who came in over the break to set up and prepare for the coming term and year!

Student Leadership

This week students and teachers have determined a number of key leadership roles for students. These roles support students to gain a greater awareness of their responsibilities to others in our communities and in society more broadly. It also provides a good deal of personal satisfaction and a sense of real achievement. Our student leaders and their roles are:

Tyler R: Student Leader; Assembly Leader;
Environmental Monitor

Tyler A: Vice Leader, Environmental Monitor, Lunch Box Monitor

Cooper: Bell Monitor; Sports Equipment Monitor

Cass: Flag Monitor

Jarred: Pie Warmer Monitor

Events Coming Up

This term has a number of events and activities coming up. The first one is next Thursday, 9th of February, when students will be attending the annual **eSafety session**. This is an online, interactive session with schools across the State and focuses on safety for students.

Naplan testing moves from the traditional dates in May, to March 15-23, this year.

Another change for this term is the **swimming program**. Due to some logistical difficulties, we won't be holding our swimming program until later in the year. Instead, we will have a weekly program with Sheree, who provides expertise in a range of sports and skills. Our students all know Sheree well and enjoy their sessions with her.

There is likely to be a pupil free day early in March, to allow teachers and myself to attend a maths workshop with the highly respected, Rob Vingerhoets. This is yet to be confirmed and more information will follow.

We have a **Soccer Clinic** on the March 22, where students will again be provided with skills and experiences by an expert coach

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
2023**

15th February

15th March

17th May

21st June

19th July

16th August

18th October

15th November

20th December

WEEK 1



One of the collaborative activities' students completed this week. Come in and see what the students have said about themselves! This is on the wall outside the main classroom



Cooper, along with the other students, spent much of their break times, in the sand pit. Cooper was especially proud of the 'octopus' and 'turtle', he constructed.



WELCOME

Students were welcomed to the 2023 school year with a spacious and vibrant working space.

They have enjoyed discovering the different activities and resources available for them to use.



Staying safe from mosquitoes



Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding.

Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice, families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

Further information

A [handy guide](#) to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases](#).



Stanhope Primary School ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are welcome
for our school.

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

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

School tours by
appointment.

GIRGARRE PLAYGROUP



FREE

RECOMMENCING MON 6th FEB
 Venue: Girgarre Community Kindergarten
 2 School Rd Girgarre
 Mondays 10am - 12pm

**SOCIAL INTERACTION FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
 AT GIRGARRE PLAYGROUP**

**BRING ALONG A HAT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD, WATER
 BOTTLE AND A HEALTHY SNACK.....AND A FRIEND 😊**

For more information regarding Girgarre Playgroup please contact:
 Girgarre Community Cottage on 5854 6482



Financial assistance with uniforms and books for students is available from St. Vincent De Paul (Vinnies)

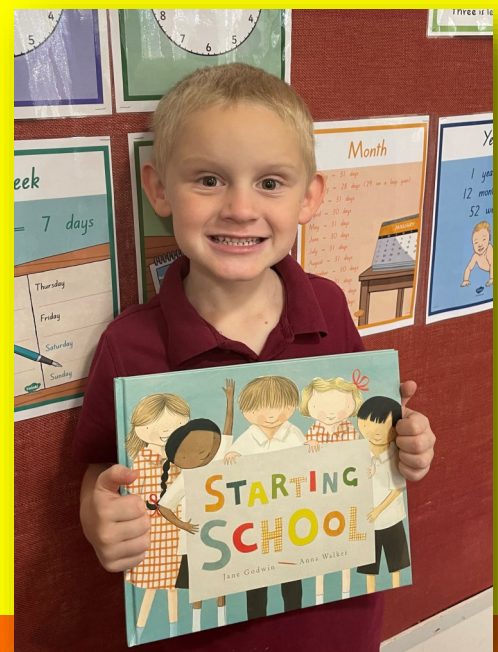
For more information please call

**Ian Patterson
 0417 597 468**

2023 NEW PREP

We are delighted to welcome Spencer as our new prep student for 2023.

Spencer has two siblings at the school and is the fourth student in his family to attend our school!



**SATURDAY 4TH
FEBRUARY 2023**

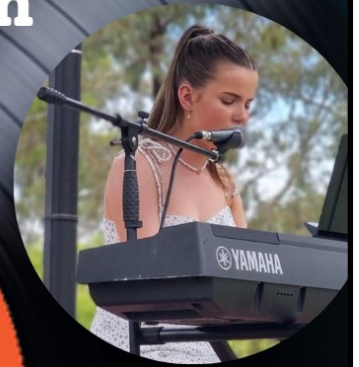
5.30pm - 10.30pm

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AWARDS

NO ASSEMBLY HELD LAST WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS!

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