



IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 2

- 15 Oct - Foundation Zoo Webinar
- 16 Oct - Yr 3/4 STEM Squad
- 17 Oct - Marvellous Maths

WEEK 3

- 21 Oct - Western Region Athletics
**Selected students only*
- 22 Oct - SPS Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- 23 Oct - Yr. 1/2 Hands on Science
- World Children's Day
Gelato Van Visit
- 24 Oct - Community Reading

WEEK 4

- 27 Oct - Specialist Showcase
- 28 Oct - Specialist Showcase
- 29 Oct - Specialist Showcase
- 30 Oct - Yr 3/4 STEM Squad
- 31 Oct - Community Reading

LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4! It's great to see everyone back after the break, as we move into a big term ahead. There's a lot happening across the school, including the Foundation Zoo webinar, Year 1/2 Hands-On Science incursion, Specialist Showcase, AFL Max excursion, Year 2 Sleepover, Year 5/6 Camp, the 2026 Transition Program, Colour Fun Run, Bike Ed, year 6 graduation and much more.

It's shaping up to be a busy but exciting 11 weeks, and we're looking forward to making the most of it with our students and school community.



Curriculum Day – Monday 13th October

On Monday, staff spent the day working together on the pre-review process ahead of our school review in November. The review happens every four years and gives us the chance to reflect on what we've done well, where we can improve, and what we want to focus on in the future.

We're feeling really positive about this process and the opportunity it brings to shape our next School Strategic Plan.

Farewell Margaret Brooks

We're very sad to be saying goodbye to Margaret Brooks, who has been part of the SPS team since 2013. Margaret has had a huge impact at our school—she's built strong connections with students and brought warmth, care, and dedication to everything she's done.

We're so grateful for her years of work and commitment to our school and community, and we wish her all the very best in whatever comes next.

SunSmart Reminder

Just a reminder that Strathmore PS is a SunSmart school. All students need to wear a broad-brimmed or legionnaire hat at recess and lunch during Term 4 to help protect them from the sun. Thanks for your support in helping keep everyone sun-safe.

This Week at SPS

Best of luck to our Foundation students who will be participating in the Melbourne Zoo webinar this week, and to our Year 3/4s taking part in a STEM incursion.

We're also really looking forward to seeing families at our Marvellous Maths Morning on Friday. It's always great to welcome you into the classrooms and share in the students' learning.

SPECIALIST SHOWCASE

The Specialist Showcase is fast approaching and this week all our students have been busily practising for their Italian and Music performances.

The Specialist Showcase will take place during **Week 4 – Monday 27th October to Wednesday 29th October**. Students have also been putting the finishing touches to their Art pieces that we know you will enjoy viewing before and after each show. You are also invited to view the artwork at your leisure after school on **Tuesday 28th October**.

This year each class will perform individually. Please see the attached Specialist Showcase Timetable to let you know what time your child/ren are performing.

We are looking forward to a week filled with excitement while we enjoy watching our students shine.

	9:00am-9:50am	9:50am-10:40am	11:10am-12:00pm	12pm-12:50pm	1:50pm-2:40pm
Monday	Foundation A	Foundation B	5/6A		5/6D
Tuesday	1/2A	1/2B		1/2C	5/6C
Wednesday	3/4A	3/4B	3/4C		5/6B

CANTEEN BANDANNA DAY

SPS are supporting Canteens Bandanna Day, each sale of a bandanna helps support young people impacted by with cancer. Throughout the month of October, wear purchase and wear a Bandanna and show your support.

Bandanna's can be purchased at the office; payment can be made at the link below or with cash.

<https://www.bandannaday.org.au/fundraisers/StrathmorePrimarySchool>



Character ~ Inspiration ~ Connection ~ Endeavour

GRADE 2 STEM INCURSION: A DAY OF DISCOVERY AND DELIGHT

On Thursday 11th September our Grade 2 students embarked on an exhilarating STEM adventure led by Mark Corrie and his dynamic team from Western BACE. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as students rotated through a series of hands-on challenge stations designed to spark curiosity and build problem-solving skills.

Highlights from the Day:

- Scratch Coding Students programmed their own interactive stories and games, learning to think creatively, debug code, and design digital projects.
- Sphero BOLT Robotics A thrilling introduction to robotics and programming, where students tackled real-world challenges using these versatile, rolling robots.
- Lava Lamp Science A dazzling experiment that blended chemistry and creativity, producing vibrant, bubbling lava lamps that mesmerized and delighted.



The Grand Finale: Rocket Launch

Using plastic bottles and cereal boxes donated by families, students engineered their own rockets and watched them blast into the sky. It was a spectacular end to a day filled with innovation, laughter, and learning.

Both students and teachers left inspired, energized, and eager for more STEM adventures ahead. The future is bright—and it's powered by curiosity!



FATHER'S DAY STEM

We hope all the special men in your lives had a joyful Father's Day weekend. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dads, grandads, uncles, and other family members who joined us last Friday for our STEM celebration.

Your presence made the day truly special for our Grade 1/2 students, who were thrilled to share their learning with you. Using LEGO® to create, explore, and investigate, the children built dynamic moving rides and experimented with gears, balance, movement, and sound. It was a great to see so many curious minds at work—and even more wonderful to see them supported by such enthusiastic role models.

Thank you for being part of the experience and for helping us nurture a love of learning through play and discovery.





VCOP LETTER EXCHANGE

The Year 3/4s are participating in the VCOP Letter Exchange again this year. It is an authentic letter writing process where students at Strathmore Primary School write letters and send them to other schools participating in the Letter Exchange.

Students work their way through the writing process of planning, drafting and publishing a letter that will be sent to another school. Teachers collate the published letters and send the letters, together with a decoration and random act of kindness, to other schools. We are in the process of publishing our letters.

We are looking forward to opening the letters we receive from other schools later in the year. We are eagerly awaiting letters from schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.



Dear students,

My name is Ayaz and I am 9 years old. I am a grade 3 student at Strathmore Primary school. My school is in Victoria and it is close to the city of Melbourne. There are lots of fun activities you can do in Melbourne. You can go to Funfields (waterpark), watch football at the M.C.G, see the penguins or go to the amazing Melbourne zoo to see the baby giraffe called noddles.

At S.P.S we do P.E, ART, ITALIAN and MUSIC. My favourite subject is Italian because I love learning about other cultures. We are lucky because we get to use our iPads for learning.

Outside of school I do singing and dancing. I'm going to be on stage live.

I look forward to hearing from you. Have a great holiday!

From Ayaz



Dear students,

My name is Alexis. I am 9 years old and I am a Grade 3 student at Strathmore Primary School. My school is in Victoria and it is close to the city of Melbourne. There are lots of fun things you can do in Melbourne. You can go to Funfields (Waterpark), watch football at the M.C.G, see the Penguins or go to the Melbourne Zoo to see the baby giraffe called Noodle.

At S.P.S we do P.E, Art, Italian and Music. My favourite one is Art because I like getting new ideas to draw paint and more. We are lucky because we can use iPads in our classroom. This year we went on school camp to Camp Weekaway. My favourite thing was the giant flying fox because we were up really high and I did the Macarena on it. I am looking forward to coding the Spheros in inquiry.

Outside of school, I love dancing. This month I am having a dance concert. I have 1 brother named Thomas (12). What do you do outside of school?

We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great holiday!

From Alexis



ITALIAN LEARNING

Last term the year one and twos finished the unit of work on toys and games by playing games such as Tombola, Bocce and Fruit Salad in Italian. They learnt many words for names of fruit such as 'la mela' (the apple) and 'l'ananas' (the pineapple) and phrases such as 'tocca a me' (it's my turn) and tira (throw). It was great fun!



ITALIAN AT THE SPECIALIST SHOWCASE

At the showcase coming up in Week 4 our students will be show off their Italian, include highlights of learning from every year level including singing, dancing, students reading personal pieces of work, conversations and role plays.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

Each week we recognise students who display our School Values of Character, Inspiration, Connection and Endeavour.



WEEK 1

ART – Dihein I

For displaying the school value of **'Character'** by sharing with the class his skills in origami.

ITALIAN – Louella O

For demonstrating great **'Character'** by stepping in to take a part in the showcase when a classmate no longer wanted to do

MUSIC – it.

Stella I

For demonstrating the school value of **'Inspiration'** through your fantastic ukulele playing this week. Well done!

PE – Violet H

For displaying the school value of **'Character'** by working to the best of her ability and regularly displaying great cooperative work with others.

FA– Harper W

For displaying the school value of **'Character'** by working to the best of her ability and regularly displaying great cooperative work with others.

FB – Ellyn G

Ellyn demonstrated the school value of **'Inspiration'** for thinking like a great Mathematician and for sharing her mathematical thinking to the grade during our length investigations. Well done, Ellyn!

FB – Kieran M

Kieran demonstrated the school values of **'Inspiration'** for his great effect with all his writing learning tasks this week. Well done, Kieran!

1/2A – Dihein I

For demonstrating the school values of **'Inspiration', 'Connection', & Endeavour'** when working on tasks and working with others. Great job Dihein!

1/2B – Virika D

For demonstrating our school value of **'Endeavour'** through the effort she put into adjusting to her new classroom and school.

1/2C – Willow B

For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** by using terrific strategies when reading. AWESOME effort Willow!

3/4A – Grace A

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character' & 'Inspiration'** during literacy groups, by writing and publishing a detailed letter for the VCOP letter exchange and working really hard to improve your spelling over the year. Well Done Grace!

3/4B – Finn J

For demonstrating the school values of **'Endeavour' & 'Inspiration'** by drafting and publishing a fantastic letter for the VCOP letter exchange. Well done for following the structure and including lots of information about yourself. Top job Finn!

3/4C – Georgi P

For displaying **'Character' & 'Endeavour'** by drafting and publishing a terrific letter for the VCOP letter exchange. Also, well done for continuously being an outstanding role model by always listening, being kind and respectful and working to the very best of your ability in all learning areas.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

WEEK 1 CONT.

5/6A – Menaal M

For demonstrating the school values of **'Connection'** & **'Inspiration'** through your positive engagement in learning, especially in writing, as you draw from all your learning to show your best. Amazing work!

5/6B – Breanna C

For demonstrating the school values of **'Inspiration'**, **'Connection'**, & **'Endeavour'** for taking pride in the work you have produced, helping around the classroom without being asked, and collaborating with others effectively. Well done Breanna and keep up the fantastic work!

5/6C – Zeynep O

For your consistent positive attitude and involvement in our classroom learning. Your enthusiasm to engage and complete set tasks inspires others.

5/6D – Amir T

For demonstrating the school values of **'Endeavour'** and **'Character'** with the way you have started term four by making good choices for your learning, trying your best, and asking questions. Well done, Amir, keep it up!

5/6D – Austin M

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'**, **'Endeavour'**, & **'Inspiration'** with the way you are engaging with our inquiry unit, helping around the classroom without being asked, and being a good friend to all. Keep up the wonderful work, Austin!