Our Vision: Success for life through courage and diversity

Our Values: Cooperation, Compassion, Care, Common Sense, Courtesy

Prospectus 2016
SCHOOL DIRECTORY 2016

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
7.30am – 3.30pm (Monday – Friday)

EDUCATION QLD WEBSITE
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2106 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

Student Free Days
Thursday 21 January
Friday 22 January
School Commences
Monday 25 January
Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 January
Easter Vacation
Friday 25 March – Friday 8 April
Term 2 Commences
Monday 11 April
ANZAC Day Holiday
Monday 25 April
Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 2 May
Winter Vacation
Monday 27 June – Friday 8 July
Term 3 Commences
Monday 11 July
Ekka Show Holiday
Monday 15 August
Spring Vacation
Monday 19 September – Monday 30 September
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Monday 3 October
Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 4 October
Student Free Day
Monday 17 October
Summer Vacation
Monday 12 December – Friday 20 January 2017
FOREWORD
The purpose of this booklet is to inform parents/caregivers of the facilities, procedures, opportunities, curriculum offerings and special support we provide to all our students. The Parent-Teacher-Pupil-Community relationship is of paramount importance to a child’s education. The effect of the various factors can be represented best by a diagram:-

Education Queensland recognises that the school is an integral part of the community and is committed to promoting the active involvement of that community in education. We believe that for high-quality education, there should be close consultation with all stakeholders and productive partnerships.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
Strathpine State School Community is committed to providing a school environment which maximises educational opportunities and outcomes for all students.

It is our aim to ensure:
♦ all members of the school community feel safe and valued.
♦ social and academic learning outcomes are maximised for all.
♦ quality practices in the area of curriculum, interpersonal relationships and school organization is achieved.
♦ non-violent, non-coercive and non-discriminatory language and practices are defined, modeled and reinforced by all members of the school community.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL
Strathpine State School opened in January 1911 with an enrolment of 25 pupils under Mr Irvine as Head Teacher. Three of the first Pioneer families enrolled gave their names to our existing school "Houses".

FRANCIS - Cornflour Millers BENNETT - Distillery Operators BARBOUR - A Pioneer Family

The school grew steadily over the next 40 years experiencing considerable growth in the late sixties and early seventies. Much of the available land was taken up with temporary buildings. In the mid seventies a decision was made to build a new school on vacant land adjacent to Pine Rivers High.

Initially two teaching blocks and a resource centre were built and opened in 1976. The school then operated as a split campus, with the Administration traveling between the two campuses. With the completion of the remaining teaching blocks in 1978 a decision was made to operate two separate schools. The old site became known as Strathpine Infants School and the new school became Strathpine State School catering for years 3-7 with approximately 750 students. Since those years the large numbers have steadily declined and today the school population numbers approximately 400 students.
In 1989 the two schools were amalgamated and once again Strathpine State School catered for all year levels. The Strathpine Pre-School opened in 1976 as a triple unit centre in Grahams Road.

The Strathpine Special Education Developmental Unit began operations at the beginning of the 1985 school year. The program was set up to provide services for children in the birth to 6 years age range with a moderate/severe physical or intellectual disability, and to provide support for their families. The SEDU began with an enrolment of 12 children and grew to in excess of 80 children, with a mix of class teachers. Services provided included physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and assistance for the visually impaired. In 2007 the SEDU was renamed to an Early Childhood Developmental Unit and is no longer attached to our school.

In 2007 Strathpine State School opened its Preparatory class. The school accommodated classes from Prep to Year 7. This resulted in the closure of the preschool in Grahams Road.

2014 was the last year that Year 7 students attended Strathpine State School, therefore we currently accommodate classes from Prep – Year 6.

**CURRICULUM**

At Strathpine State School we are committed to developing the necessary skills within all our students to ensure they are prepared for a preferred future. We provide challenging and exciting learning opportunities for all our students. Our teachers use Curriculum into the Classroom to implement the Australian Curriculum. They plan, teach, assess and report on the Australian Curriculum in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- SOSE (Study of Society and the Environment) and History
- Geography

The Essential Learnings are covered in the following Key Learning Areas:

- The Arts
- ICT (Information Communication Technologies)
- Health and PE
- LOTE (Languages Other Than English)

We have a strong focus on the development of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills. Our teachers and specialist staff provide a variety of activities that cater for the needs of all students.

A key feature of our school program is the daily 2 hour literacy block and 1½ hour numeracy block. During the Literacy Block, students are explicitly taught the skills of reading, writing and oracy. Students are also taught critical literacy skills which will enable them to become informed, literate members of our society. Our teachers dedicate a 1½ hour numeracy block targeting important mathematical concepts and skills.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

This school has the services of a Physical Education Teacher. Students participate in weekly lessons conducted by our PE teacher. Skills and rules are taught each week, with emphasis on participation, teamwork and sportsmanship.

In accordance with the Smart Moves initiative, all students participate in a daily fitness program. Students engage in a variety of activities under the supervision of their class teacher.
School swimming classes for all students are conducted as part of the Physical Education Program. An annual swimming carnival for Years 4-7 takes place in Term 4.

The School Inter-house Sports Day is held in the second term.

Students in Years 5 and 6 participate in Gala Sports Day on a number of occasions throughout the year.

**SUPPORT TEACHER Literacy and Numeracy – (ST Lan)**
A Support Teacher assists class teachers to cater for children who are experiencing learning difficulties, and also to provide extension opportunities for high performing students.

1. taking part in the teaching team;
2. testing children and, in some cases, referring children to the Guidance Officer for more detailed tests;
3. making educational adjustments for individual children or small groups
4. liaising with classroom teachers and parents to provide feedback about student performance

**GUIDANCE OFFICER**
The Guidance Officer works at our school 3 days a fortnight and provides the following services:

- educational assessments to diagnose learning disabilities
- counselling for students
- assistance for teachers who have students with disabilities

Referrals to the Guidance Officer are done by the Student Support Team.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**
Strathpine State School has a Special Education Class (SEC) for students with disabilities. The SEC works on an inclusion policy and aligns closely with classroom programs.

**CHAPLAIN**
In 2008, our school introduced the school chaplaincy program. The school chaplain visits our school 2-3 days a week and provides a variety of services for students and their families. Further information about the chaplain can be obtained from the office.

**LOTE (LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH)**
Our LOTE program includes instruction in European [German] language. German is taught in Years 5 and 6. Students are instructed in the ways of second language learning and gain beginning to elementary levels of understanding in German, together with a good measure of cultural awareness. While German clearly shares much common linguistic and social heritage with Britain and the early European settlement of Australia, there remains much to discover. Other languages offer challenging and exciting linguistic and cultural differences for our young and serve to broaden their horizons.

**MUSIC**
We have an extensive Music Program at the school consisting of two choirs, concert band, and a dynamic classroom music program. Students are offered opportunities in choirs from Year 2 and in the instrumental program from Year 5. This provides regular opportunity for performance both inside and outside the school.
RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Religious Instruction is provided within the school program by personnel representing various denominations. Parents complete a Notice for Religious Instruction form on enrollment indicating if they would or would not want their children included in this program. Parents may notify us in writing at any time of the year if they do not wish their child to attend.

Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a separate supervised location. Other instruction must relate to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include, but is not restricted to:
- wider reading
- personal research
- revision / homework tasks

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI program to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child’s participation.

SCHOOL POLICIES

CODE OF SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR
It is mandatory that all Education Queensland schools follow a specified Code of School Behaviour. Our school Responsible Behaviour Plan is based on five core values: courtesy, compassion, cooperation, care and common sense. We refer to these as our “5Cs”.

The core values of Strathpine State School are reflected in the five key rules which are used to establish the overall expectations of student behaviour at Strathpine State School. These key rules are:-
1. Students should display COURTESY to all members of the school community (i.e. good manners, respect and privacy).
2. Students should show COMPASSION to all members of the school community.
3. Students should demonstrate COOPERATION at all times with all members of the school community.
4. Students should exhibit CARE for self, others and property within the school community and environment.
5. Students should apply COMMON SENSE to all aspects of life as a member of the Strathpine State School community.

A copy of the Strathpine State School Code of Behaviour is available from the office upon request or from the school website.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT
School rules are established to ensure the health, safety and well being of students and the protection of property. Rules are of a common sense nature and in the classroom they are developed collaboratively between the teacher and the students. They reflect the core values (5Cs) that were developed by the members of our school community.

On occasions it may be necessary to seek the support of parents in developing strategies to effectively manage unsatisfactory behaviour.
UNIFORM

The Strathpine State School uniform has been designed and adopted by the P & C Assoc. A consistent presence of the school’s full uniform is a very powerful way to create a sense of pride in the school. The school uniform readily identifies children when travelling to and from school and on outside school activities, such as excursions and school sport.

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• promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
• promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;
• promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging;
• fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences.

We are proud of our students and our school. Our children develop this pride by the full time wearing of uniforms.

All students are expected to wear school uniform every day.
• Uniforms are to be worn on all excursions unless specifically notified otherwise.
• Parent’s cooperation in supporting this Dress Code Policy is greatly appreciated.

Official Strathpine State School Uniform:

GIRLS

• School light blue polo shirt and royal blue straight skirt / skort or shorts; or
• Strathpine SS blue and white cotton checked formal dress
• White short / ankle socks
• Closed in shoes, predominantly black or white (eg. sandshoes)
• Royal blue jumper / jacket
• Royal blue tracksuit pants
• Navy tights / stockings in cooler months
• Royal blue legionnaire / broad brimmed hat (must be sun safe – no caps)

BOYS

• School light blue polo shirt or Strathpine SS blue and white cotton checked formal shirt; and
• Royal blue shorts
• White short / ankle socks
• Closed in shoes, predominantly black or white (eg. sandshoes)
• Royal blue jumper / jacket
• Royal blue tracksuit pants
• Royal blue legionnaire / broad brimmed hat (must be sun safe – no caps)
**JEWELLERY & HAIR**

Students may wear a watch and small sleeper or stud earrings. A medical bracelet or medical necklace is also acceptable. Other jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets, rings etc. may be unsafe for the student or other students as they could become caught in play equipment or come into contact with another student causing injury. All other jewellery is not permitted.

Religious or cultural medallions on a small necklace/chain are acceptable if they are tucked inside the school shirt.

Facial and other body piercings, make-up and fingernail polish are not permitted. No facial piercings are permitted, even if they are covered.

Hair that is shoulder length should be neatly tied back with appropriate plain coloured hair ties (elastic). Hair styles should be neat and natural. Shaved / clipped patterns (tracks) in short hair, mohawks etc are not permitted. Coloured or died hair should be of natural colour (eg. brown, blonde, black etc). Bright colours are not permitted.

Girls may wear blue or white ribbons, scrunchies or small hair clips in their hair that are neat and appropriate for school.

Boys with longer than shoulder length hair may tie their hair back in a low neat pony tail with a plain coloured elastic.

**SUPERSTAR SHIRTS, HATS and BADGES**

Those students who in previous years, have been awarded a Superstar shirt may wear them on a Friday only. Shirts provided to older siblings should not be worn. They should only be worn by the recipient, and only on a Friday.

Those students who have been awarded a Superstar hat may wear the hat when outdoors on any day. It is expected that all students will wear Royal blue school hat at all times during playtime and external activities including before and after school.

In 2015 the Student Council decided to introduce Superstar badges. These may be worn by the recipient on their school shirt, any day of the week. We encourage these students to wear them everyday.

**Processes for compliance and conflict resolution:**

- Positively reward students wearing the full school uniform
- Consistently remind the school community of the importance and rationale for the uniform.
- Students not in full uniform to report to Principal or Deputy Principal and explain reasons.
- Continued non-compliance will result in students being offered uniforms from a bank of uniforms held at the school and letters sent home to parents. A process for conflict resolution will be implemented for individual students persistently wearing inappropriate dress.
- Contact parents to discuss repeated non-compliance to make an informed decision about imposing any sanctions
- Sanctions may include lunch time detentions, and / or prevented participation in school sport or outside of school excursions.

The dress code will be reviewed periodically for appropriateness or enhancements in consultation with students, parents and staff. Any changes will be endorsed by the P&C executive.
HEALTHY EATING
The School Tuckshop offers a menu that is based on the Healthy Foods Policy. Students are encouraged to bring healthy food and drink from home. Children are asked to bring a healthy snack for our Brain Break that takes place at 10.00am each day.

SCHOOL SAFETY
Enclosed shoes are to be worn. Slip-on shoes such as thongs or scuffs are not permitted.

Items of jewellery are not to be worn as they are not part of the uniform and some create a safety issue e.g. long earrings or necklaces which could be pulled. The only exceptions to this rule are earring studs and watches.

SUN SMART
In 2005 the school adopted a Sun Smart policy. The school bucket hat, legionnaire’s hat or a wide brimmed hat are the only hats allowed to be worn at our school. Caps are not allowed. Hats must be worn for all outdoor activity. No hat – no play in open area.

ACCIDENTS
Accidents may happen despite our taking all reasonable precautions. Every endeavour is made to contact the parents. Occasionally it is impossible to contact anyone and in such cases the principal acts ‘in loco parentis’ (in the place of parents) and decides what action should be taken.

ASSEMBLY
Strathpine State School conducts an assembly each Friday afternoon after second break. The assembly is conducted by the school leaders and includes recognition of excellent student achievement, excellent student behaviour and class performances. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE
Parents are required to ensure students have regular attendance at school. In accordance with Regulations, a written note is required to be sent with the child on his/her return to school. Telephone contact with the office is also an acceptable method of explaining a child’s absence. Absentee Phone. No. 3482 9260.

When students arrive late it disrupts lessons. Children should be at school by 8.45 am in order to be well prepared. Students arriving after 9.30am are required to report to the office to collect a late slip.

We request that students do not arrive at school before 8.30am. Should a child need to arrive before this time, they should be enrolled at YMCA Before School Care facility (Phone 3881 3466). Students are asked to congregate in the tuckshop area prior to the 8.30 bell. Thereafter, they may proceed to their classroom with their teacher.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL
Parents/caregivers and older siblings who collect students from school are to ensure they assemble in the undercover tuckshop area and not proceed to the classrooms until the 3.00pm bell has sounded. This minimizes distractions for both students and teachers.

If you need to collect your child early from school, please report to the office where we will phone the classroom and have the student sent to the office. All students must then be signed out by their parents. At times, we may ask for some form of identification just as a safety precaution.

BICYCLES
A cyclist is legally the driver of a vehicle. This means that cyclists must obey all the traffic laws - the same as the driver of a motor-bike or car has to do. Generally children under the age of 9 do not have the capabilities to ride in traffic and should only ride on the road accompanied by an adult.

Bicycle riders should chain their bikes to the bike racks in the enclosure inside the grounds. Bicycle helmets have been mandatory from 01 January 1993. It is hoped that all parents will accept the advantages of helmets and purchase them.

**CAR PARKING**
The carparks are for staff only. An active and safe school map is available from the office for alternative parking locations.

**EXCURSIONS/CAMPS**
During the year, children may be taken on certain tours as part of their educational program at this school.

On the enrolment of your child, your permission will be sought to take your child on such excursions. This permission will remain in place until the school is notified otherwise. You will be advised by circular should a special trip be planned involving the use of transport. These excursions give children a wider experience of the world around them and help them in the practical task of socializing together.

We also invite organizations to visit our school on various occasions, to work with students and present or perform shows. In 2016 there will be a Year 6 camp. The venue and duration is determined by numbers attending and costings.

The P&C of this school have introduced a policy that all children must travel on buses with seat belts if they are traveling beyond an 80 km per hour zone.

**HOMEWORK**
Our homework policy is aligned with Education Queensland's 2006 policy. Homework may take the form of work to learn, practice examples to do or assignments requiring some research and report writing. It is helpful if children can have a quiet corner at home which becomes the study area, free from T.V. or other distractions. It is in the child’s interest that you check regularly to see that home study is completed. Your child's books and homework should provide a link between home and school, and a discussion point between parent and child.

**STUDENT COUNCIL AND LEADERS**
Two student representatives are elected from each class in Years 4 – 5. These leaders and representatives attend fortnightly meetings and participate in fundraising and decision-making. Various community organizations are supported as well. Other leadership positions include Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains, Music Captains, Performing Arts Captains, Academic Captains and Indigenous Captains.

**INTERVIEWS**
- Parents wishing an interview with the Principal or Deputy Principal should contact the Administration Officer who will make the necessary arrangements.
- Parents wishing to arrange an interview with a class teacher should contact the class teacher directly. Teachers are unable to arrange interviews with parents during teaching time, so
please ensure you give them enough notice so they are able to address your concerns and give you their undivided attention.

LOST PROPERTY
- Clothing and other items of lost property left unclaimed will be collected and held for students or parents to claim from a box near the office.
- Items not claimed after a reasonable period of time will be laundered and donated to charity.
- Parents should make sure that items of clothing are named for easy identification.
- It is important that all belongings are named, especially clothing. It may be useful for you to know that shoes may be named under the tongue of the shoe.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
In accordance with guidelines from Education Queensland this school will be adopting the following procedures regarding administration of medication to students.
- Only medication prescribed by the student's medical practitioner may be administered.
- A parent/legal guardian must, in the first instance, make a written request to the Principal.
- All medication should be sent to the office. Medication MUST have the pharmacy label attached displaying the student's name and dosage.
- A teacher or other adult person on the school staff authorised by the Principal may give oral medication, provided it is given strictly in accordance with instructions written on the medication container by the pharmacist at the medical practitioner's direction and is requested by parent/legal guardian in writing. Please use the forms found on page 23 of this booklet.
- All medication administered will be recorded at the office.

SPECIAL NOTES
- Non-prescribed oral medications (such as analgesics and over the counter medications) will not be administered by teachers or other persons on the school staff.
- With the approval of the Principal, students may be responsible for their own inhaler.
- If parents have children who are on long-term medication, they are requested to authorise and provide specific details each year.

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<td>Exclude until sores have fully healed. The pupil may be allowed to return provided that appropriate treatment is being applied and sores on exposed surfaces such as scalp, face, hands or legs are properly covered with occlusive dressings.</td>
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SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Strathpine State School has a complete smoking ban within all areas of the school grounds and within a 3m area of all the school entrances, as do all Education Queensland schools.

LIBRARY
Students are encouraged to borrow books from the school library on a weekly basis. The Library is also utilized for class lessons and meeting rooms.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS / iPADS
All classrooms have an interactive whiteboard and iPad. Teachers use these to enhance their teaching and students’ learning. Students can actively participate in learning in a fun and engaging way.

STUDENTS’ BELONGINGS
Children are not to bring excessive amounts of money, items of jewellery, toys, portable CD players, ipods or other expensive items to school. Should a mobile phone be necessary for students at school it must be handed in to the office each morning and collected at 3.00pm each afternoon. Any mobile phone brought to school by a student should be clearly named and turned off. **As a general rule, only items for school programs should be brought to school.**

REPORTING TO PARENTS
Parent/Teacher interviews are conducted during Term 1 and Term 3 each year. Comprehensive written reports are issued at the end of each semester. Parents may make an appointment to meet with a teacher at any time during the school year.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking takes place each Tuesday morning. This is computerised through the Commonwealth Bank. Apart from the convenience, the school is paid 35 cents per transaction to perform the task. This money is paid by the Commonwealth bank and in no way affects your child's balance. At the commencement of the school year, children will receive information regarding opening a savings account.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
The Strathpine State School Newsletter is published each fortnight and is distributed via email on a Wednesday. It is a means to be fully informed of what is happening in the school and of upcoming events and dates. You are also able to view the school newsletter on the school website at www.strathpns.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES
Strathpine State School is serviced by Thompson’s Coaches morning and afternoon. Thompson's Bus Service - Phone 3882 1200 or 3882 1122

THE SCHOOL DAY
The school day begins promptly at 8.50am and concludes at 3.00pm.

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Brain Break (healthy food break) is at 10.00am.

First break is from 11.00am to 11.30am. Students then eat their lunch with their class from 11:30am – 11:45am.

Second Break is from 1.20pm to 1.35pm. Students eat their lunch from 1:35pm to 1.50pm. The school day finishes at 3.00pm.

Children will be released at 3.00pm. No detentions are given after school. Children are not to remain in the school grounds after school without parental supervision nor return to play again.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

For those who returned student enrolment forms prior to the Summer Vacation:
• These children will be enrolled in a class before the start of the new school year.
• Class lists of pupils, their teachers and rooms will be placed on the information board by the Tuckshop after midday on Friday 22 January 2016.

For those children who have not returned the student enrolment form:
• These children and their parents/guardians are asked to report to the school office. Proof of date of birth will be required.

For those transferring from another Queensland state school:
• Please report to the office for completion of the student enrolment form and allocation to class.

ENROLMENT

• Please fill in the student enrolment form for the enrolment of your child.
• You may care to contact the Principal to discuss confidential information concerning your child's enrolment. Please contact the Administration Officer to arrange for an appointment.
• A birth certificate must be presented as proof of date of birth.
• To be eligible to enrol in the Preparatory Year in 2016 a child must be born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SUCCESS AT SCHOOL:
It is helpful if your child knows the following:-

(1) Full Name (Prep – Year 1)
(2) Residential Address
(3) Telephone Number
(4) How to do up buttons and tie laces, etc. (Prep – Year 1)
(5) Road hazards, road crossings and route to take to and from school

PUPIL REQUISITES

Separate booklists have been prepared with a view to keeping costs as reasonable as possible. We have tried to reach a compromise between expense and necessity.

The only items advisable to be taken home are those actually needed for homework. Parents are able to inspect their children's belongings at school. We do seek your cooperation in encouraging pride and care in books taken home. All books should be neatly covered. For our part, we will be insisting upon a system of minimum acceptable standards of work with normal supervision to ensure economical use of paper, etc. Items such as dictionary, calculator and mathematics set are intended to be used over several years.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Strathpine State School P&C Association meets several times each semester in the staffroom. All parents/caregivers are encouraged and most welcome to attend. Meeting dates are advertised in the school newsletter and on the school sign.

Please consider joining the P&C and make your voice heard. The meetings are the ideal place to exchange ideas and opinions in a relaxed setting. It is the place to get to know what is happening in your school and to become involved with your child's education.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year at the AGM voluntary Family Contribution fees are discussed and set for the next year. These resource levies are currently set at $20 per family per year. These contributions are required to assist the school to purchase enhancements for school learning such as computer upgrades and computer software, reading books and sports and playground equipment.

UNIFORM SALES

The school uniform shop is located right beside the school tuckshop. The P&C sell uniforms from the school Uniform Shop. A limited selection of second hand uniforms is also available.

The Uniform Shop will be open at the following time:

- Thursday 21 January 2016 9.00am to 12.00noon
- Friday 22 January 2016 9.00am to 12.00noon
- Monday 25 January 2016 8.00am to 9.30am

The Uniform Shop will be open for uniform sales at the following times during the school year:

Wednesday - 8.40 – 9.10am Thursday - 2.30 – 3.15pm

TUCKSHOP

- First Tuckshop day will be Wednesday 27 January 2016
- The Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.15am.
- The Strathpine State School Tuckshop operates on a bag system. Bags with money enclosed are handed in to the Tuckshop. The teachers nominate pupils to collect the class orders before morning tea and lunch.
• Separate bags for hot food and drinks are required.
• No late orders will be accepted unless approved by Administration.
• Separate bags for first break and second break are requested.

Sample Bag Order

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NOTE: Please mark bags at least halfway down

• Iceblock orders are circled by the Tuckshop ladies and the child brings the bag back to the Tuckshop to collect them.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

The tuckshop always welcomes volunteers and new faces to help out for even one hour at a time. Volunteering in the tuckshop is a wonderful way to help out at your child’s school as well as meeting new friends. Everyone has something in common, a child at the school, with a very happy face, who loves to see their Mum or Dad helping at the school. Please consider volunteering some of your time to this wonderful service. Lisa is only too happy to let you know how you can help. Please feel free to call Lisa at the tuckshop for more information on 3482 9218.

YMCA – (Before and After School Care)
Parents are strongly encouraged to make use of this facility if they need to drop their child off before 8.15am and/or cannot collect them promptly by 3.00pm.

The administration and staff cannot be held responsible for students arriving before this time or for students not collected promptly at 3.00pm.
Contact Strathpine OSHC – YMCA by phoning 3881 3466.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2015/16 (subject to change)

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BUCKET HAT $15.00

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNING 8.40 – 9.10AM AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2.30 – 3.15PM OTHER TIMES CAN BE ARRANGED BY PHONING THE TUCKSHOP ON 3482 9218 WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (Prices subject to change in 2016)