



Stawell Primary School

To Strive, To Seek, To Find - But Not To Yield

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Fortnightly Newsletter

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 2020



Thursday June 25th
(TONIGHT):-

Prep Virtual Information Evening
@ 6.30pm

Friday June 26th:-

Winter Woolies Day
(NOT A FUNDRAISER)

Early Dismissal

Preps—Grade 2—2pm
Grades 3-6—2.20pm

Monday 13th July:-

Term 3 starts

Friday 14th August:-

Pupil Free Day

Friday 4th September:-

Father's Day Stall

Principal Update

How are you all going?

It has been such a long time since we have seen you in our school, which is such a shame. We have had a school without students, which was so strange and now we have a school without parents, which is not right. Your help and presence in our school reflects our strong home-school partnership and this is something we don't want to lose.

Fortunately, technology has allowed us and will continue to allow us, to stay connected. So until this pandemic is over, we must take every opportunity to stay connected with each other.

WHAT A FABULOUS SURPRISE

I have taught for a long time, but never have I witnessed such a wonderful act of kindness as we experienced this week.

Every single staff member, no matter what their job, received a **Pamper Pack from Parents Club**. The bag was filled with the most wonderful gifts (I know some of you contributed towards this), given to us as a 'Thank you' for the remote-learning period. Teaching is a very rewarding job, but it is also an exhausting and demanding job, which can take its toll. My staff are exhausted from their work during the restriction, we are all in need of a holiday break to refresh and recharge, but what a lift you gave us. Everyone left the staffroom with a smile on their face and a warm heart. Thank you so much for helping us to feel this way – **we are a truly lucky and grateful staff at 502.**



Lots of Information for You! – PLEASE READ THROUGH TO THE END

This update contains lots of information about the **end of Term and next Term**. I have also recorded a message, please follow this link to watch

<https://stawellps.vic.edu.au/2020/06/25/week-11-principal-update/>

End of Term Assembly – cancelled

This afternoon we have presented our students with their Awards from Term 1. No awards for this Term.

Student Reports

You should receive your child's Report this afternoon. Please remember that these Reports reflect the COVID19 restrictions and will not contain assessment dot points. Reports will contain a summary of the activities offered during remote learning.

Next term in Week 3, we will be conducting Parent-Teacher Interviews, via **Webex**, which will give an opportunity to discuss your child's return to school and how they will be supported in their learning, moving forward. Our aim is to have contact with **every family via technology**. More details soon.

Friday Dismissal Times

We will still have our staggered finish times to cater for traffic management and health restrictions. Please continue with the quick drop offs and pick-ups. Your help with this is much appreciated. Even though it is the last day, please do not remain at the school fence for conversations, remember that this has been mandated by the Chief Health Officer. **Please note the EARLIER TIMES.**

2.00pm – Prep-Grade 2 dismissal

2.20pm – Grades 3-6 dismissal

ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS – PLEASE CROSS AT THE SCHOOL CROSSINGS.

Please be very careful along Barnes Street as there won't be a crossing supervisor.

Don't forget to wear your Winter Woollies on Friday. (this is NOT a fundraiser – so no money needed)

WARNING! DANGER! SCHOOL GROUNDS CLOSED.

We need everyone to be aware that there will be **Asbestos removal** happening during the first week of the school holidays. This is being completed by an Asbestos removal company who work with schools.

The school grounds will be closed to the public from MONDAY 29th June to WEDNESDAY 1st July.

Please ensure that your children are not in the playground during this time.

Term 3 Updates

We will enter these holidays under very uncertain times for Victoria. We just don't know what might happen with COVID over the holiday period or beyond. At this stage we do not have any new updates about what schools should be doing in Term 3.

For this reason, we have made the following decisions, so that staff can effectively plan their work and so that everyone is clear about is happening for the start of Term 3.

We will continue with the current way of doing things until the end of WEEK 5 next Term. (unless otherwise informed) At this stage we are working with Week 5 as this will be a long weekend for you (see Curriculum Days) and it will be an easy marker to remember the change over period.

This will include continuing with:

- quick drop-offs and pick-ups each day (students to enter rooms on bag bell)
- staggered finish times for P-2 and 3-6
- no parent access to the school grounds
- reinforcement of hand sanitizing and good hand hygiene practices

Sadly, in the interest of safety for our students and staff, we have decided to **cancel all school camps.** I know that this is very sad news, given the quality of our programs, but being safe is the most important consideration.

In fairness, we must also consider the possible financial loss we could experience as a school, should circumstances change. Administration staff will contact families directly who have made camp deposit payments.

We are hoping to have a special school event later in the year for everyone to enjoy.



Athletic Sports – could possibly happen with restrictions. More information next Term.

Curriculum Day – Friday 14th August

This day will be **pupil-free**. It is being taken by all Stawell and surrounding schools for teachers to complete professional learning.

Schools are taking the same day in the hope that families can enjoy a **long weekend** together, which was missed with the Queen's Birthday weekend falling in the restriction period. Please add this to your diaries.



I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. I know that we have just returned to school, but it is important for everyone to have a holiday without the pressure of remote-learning. Everyone is so very tired, we are living in the most unusual and difficult of times at the moment. We may well need all of our energy to deal with whatever comes next, so please take the next two weeks to have some down time, to re-connect as a family, to relax and to enjoy the good things around you.

Should anything change during the holiday period, please be assured that you will all be contacted and updated through the usual ways. **Please do not phone/contact staff personally – look out for Xuno, Facebook and school website messages.** If there is one thing we've learnt from all this, it's how to communicate using technology!

Have a lovely break.

Robyn

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Child Safe Standards

CHILD SAFE STANDARD 3: CHILD SAFE STANDARD 3:

Developing A Child Safety Code Of Conduct.

A Code of Conduct is a highly effective strategy to help keep children safe from harm. A Code of Conduct lists behaviours that are acceptable and those that are unacceptable. It identifies professional boundaries, ethical behaviour and how to avoid or better manage difficult situations.

The Child Safety Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It assists school staff to understand how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Stawell Primary School Child Safety Code Of Conduct is published on the Stawell Primary School website. You can view the Code of Conduct at <http://www.stawellps.vic.edu.au/> and click the 'Child Safe' tab.

Next newsletter: Child Safe Standard 4 - School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.

Tammie Meehan, Assistant Principal, Child Safe Lead Officer



HELMETS, BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles and scooters to and from school.

Note: Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own. Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision. Children under the

age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road. It is law to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

We are now accepting applications for Conveyance Allowance. You may be eligible to apply if you :-

live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school or from the nearest contract school bus stop

Are enrolled at the nearest government school

Application forms and information are available at the General Office. Application forms need to be received by Friday 26th June, 2020.

School Banking is back in Term 3



School Banking is back. School Banking Day will be **Tuesday**, commencing on **14th July 2020**.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits. For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit any Commbank branch for a replacement.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit **www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking**



Winter Uniform:- Please ensure that all students are dressed in the appropriate winter uniform. Long navy pants if possible, long or short sleeved school t-shirt and a warm school jumper. A plain navy beanie may also be worn outside.

Water Bottles:- Student's are NOT to use the bubble taps, please ensure that your child has their own drink bottle with them at school each day.

Enrolment Information:- A reminder that all enrolment information that was sent home for parents to check is due back. Please return this as soon as possible to ensure that we can update student details.

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online [Triple P – Positive Parenting Program](#).

The program is relevant to families with children between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent
- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

[Sign up to the Triple P program via their website.](#)

For more information, visit the [Triple P – Positive Parenting Program](#),

or contact Janice Robertson on email janice.robertson@dhhs.vic.gov.au phone 03 9096 5016.



GREEN AND MISS GREENE

TRANSITION DATES

Monday 19th Oct
9.15 am-11am

Wednesday 4th Nov
9.15am-12.30pm

Thursday 19th Nov
9.15am-1.30pm

Tuesday 8th Dec
9.15am-3pm

2021 PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

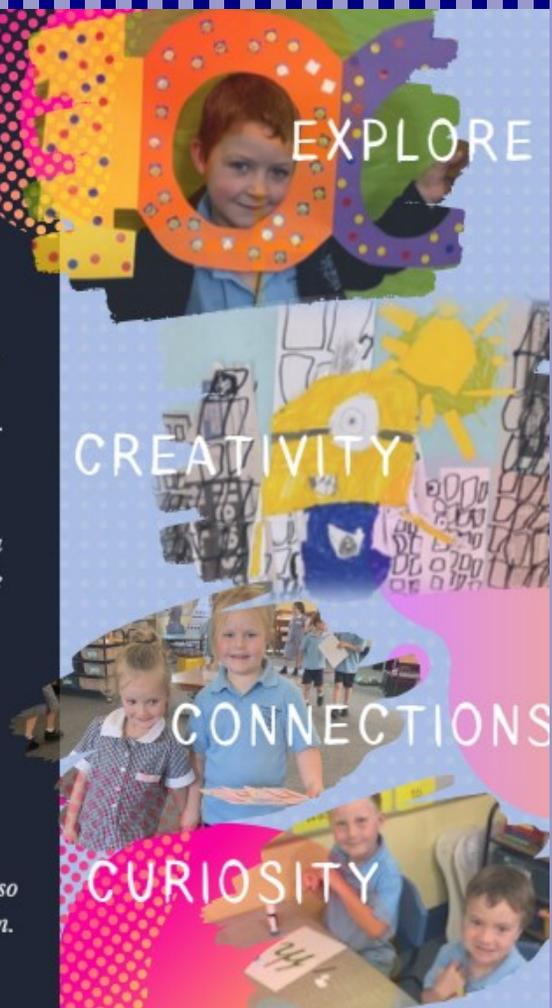
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to host our usual face-to-face information sessions for our prospective prep families.

This year, we are running a VIRTUAL video conference information session! You can join us in the comfort of your own home.

**THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
6.30PM**

**TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/502PREP](https://bit.ly/502PREP)**

We will then send you a link so that you can access the session.



Important News



**2020 PREP ENROLMENTS
ARE OPEN NOW!**

VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE
JUNE 25TH @ 6.30PM
REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/502prep>

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stawell.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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STAWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
WINTER
WOOLIES
DAY

Friday 26th June 2020

Come to school dressed
in your warmest winter
pyjamas or onesie!

This is a free event



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Important News



2021 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

HDKA are currently taking Kindergarten registrations for 2021 and beyond....

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Murrumbidgee Early Learning Centre & Cooninda Kindergarten will not be holding Open Days. Virtual tours and Teacher presentations from each kindergarten program will be available to view on the HDKA website & Facebook page from the week of 22nd June 2020

2021 Registrations close
Friday 3rd July 2020

TO OBTAIN A REGISTRATION FORM:
Phone: 5382 7997 Email: enrol@hdka.com.au Website: www.hdka.com.au
or pick one up from the Kindergarten sites

Horsesham and District Kindergarten Association Inc. is the Early Years Manager for the above Kindergarten sites



Join our Kindergarten Community 2021 ENROLMENTS

Open 1 July 2020

ENROL FOR:

- Ararat North Kindergarten
- Carey Street Kindergarten
- Jack and Jill Kindergarten
- Lake Bolac Kindergarten
- St Andrews Kindergarten
- Willaura Kindergarten

ONLINE AT:

www.earlyyears.ymca.org.au

Funded 3 Year Old and 4 Year Old Programs

KEY DATES:

1 July 2020 Enrolments open

31 August 2020 Closing date for first round offers

1 September 2020 Enrolments after this date go into second round offers

3 October 2020 Enrolments still open



NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit the website: www.earlyyears.ymca.org.au
Call our friendly team: YMCA Early Years Management 03 4311 1500
Email: yeym.enrolments@ymca.org.au



SSAC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TERM 2/3 HOLIDAYS 2020

COVID-19 regulations will be enforced during programs so bookings are essential

Call (03) 5358 0550 for bookings and inquiries

29 June
PARTY GAMES

1 July
ARTS AND CRAFTS

3 July
LACROSSE

6 July
BASKETBALL SKILLS

8 July
TABLE TENNIS

10 July
ARTS AND CRAFTS

10:30-1:30am
\$5 per session
or
\$25 for ALL

WEEK 1

Monday 29 June - Ben will be playing stadium/party games that include scarecrow, tiggy, musical chairs and many more

Wednesday 1 July - Lauren will be providing some crafty activities to keep everyone busy. This session will involve creating juggling balls, origami, games with strings, and making your own pom-pom!

Friday 3 July - Matt will host a stick-it Lacrosse session teaching participants the basics of Lacrosse (including gathering, catching and passing) ready to finish off the session with a game.

**If possible, please bring your own pencils and texters, as well as basketball to limit the sharing of equipment. **

WEEK 2

Monday 6 July: Matt will put everyone through their paces with a Basketball skills session, for all ages and abilities. The session will focus on ball handling, passing and shooting as well as some defensive games as well. - Please bring your own basketball if you have one.

Wednesday 8 July: Ben will be teaching the art of table tennis to those who dare enter his arena. Send your kids along to learn how to play table tennis with fun games and activities followed by a student vs the master session to finish.

Friday 10 July: Lauren will be getting her art and craft on again with a drawing session that includes drawing pavement games, connecting the dots, and drawing us a picture of your favourite holiday program at SSAC - Please bring your own pencils and texters to limit sharing of equipment.

JULY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
6	7	8	9	10
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13 First Day Term 3 Prep—1 3pm pick up Grades 3-6 3.20pm pick up	14	15	16 Canteen Open	17 Canteen Open
20	21	22	23 Canteen Open	24 Canteen Open

Stawell Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognizes the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

The Assistant Principal, Tammie Meehan, is the appointed lead Child Safety coordinator.