

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

### Principal's Report

Dear Parents/carers and friends of 502,

#### SWIMMING SPORTS

Stifling humidity, pouring rain, hot sunshine, grey clouds and thunder rumbles – what a great day we had for our **Swimming Sports!** But despite the weather, we had a fabulous day. I must **congratulate all students** for their participation, determination and wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship.

**Congratulations to Gold House** who achieved another well-earned victory.

I would like to sincerely thank **Scott** for his outstanding organisation, our many Parent Helpers, our House teachers, those who helped with set up and pack up, Parents Club, the Stawell Leisure Complex staff, Ben Oliver from Stawell Secondary College for presenting the shield and the many parents and friends who attended on the day.

I would like to sincerely congratulate all our new **House Captains and Vice-Captains** for firstly being elected to these positions and secondly, for completing an outstanding job at the sports. **Well done to you all!**

HOUSE	CAPTAINS		VICE-CAPTAINS	
Gold	Phoenix Maggs	Sonny Gellie	Clara Thompson	
Red	Reanna Stewart	Kaison Keilar	Sheena Notting	Sebastian Hemming
Blue	Charli Duckett	Domenic Giusa	Reagan Mifsud	Jake Farrell
Green	Sienna Cox	Nate Lyons	Chloe Formosa	



#### STAFFING

I would like to officially welcome **Tammie** back to Stawell Primary School and congratulate her for her work as Acting Principal at Concongella PS.

I would also like to welcome a **'new' staff member – Mrs Rush!** Otherwise known as **Jenna**.

**Congratulations to Jenna and Sam** who were married last weekend. We all wish you future happiness together.

#### ITS AGM TIME!

Yes, its **Annual General Meeting** time for both **School Council and Parents Club**.

We currently have several vacancies for School Council as the following Councillors end their term:

**Andrew Dunn, Brad Cassidy, Kristen Ankerson, Eleisha Clementson, Jeremy Pryddrech, Tom Parkes and Barry Fletcher**

I sincerely thank all these Councillors for their dedicated work in setting school directions, especially to our Executive members: Andrew – President, Brad – Vice-President, Kristen – Treasurer (since 2010).

I do hope that all Councillors will seek re-election as their skills and knowledge will be greatly appreciated in our **School Review** year. We do still have another **vacancy**, which I hope that we can fill this year – **is it you?**

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor – you can complete a **self-nomination form from the Office**.

**Election opens: Tuesday 25th February Closes: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** (election will be conducted after this if needed)

**AGM: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm – March General Meeting** to follow.

**Parents Club** will also be holding their elections and AGM. Parents Club role is **fundraising** which is essential for our school programs and facilities. We are always looking for new members – are you interested? If so, you can express your interest to current **President: Jennie Williams or at the Office.**

The date for the AGM is to be confirmed.

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

On-line bookings for Parent Teacher interviews will open today, Friday February 21st.

If you are unable to access the on-line bookings, please contact the Office for assistance. **We would like all families to attend.**

This is the time to meet with your child's teacher/s for an uninterrupted discussion about their strengths and learning needs. We have opened both afternoon and early evening sessions. Please book early.

We always value the **home-school partnership** and the important role this plays in a child's education.

### **PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Sixteen people took advantage of our first Prep Information session. These are held on **Wednesdays at 10am.** Please come along to hear about what happens in Prep World and how you can support your child's learning. Questions are always welcomed. **Child care** is available.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!**

We have two new exciting events happening next week.

This year we are supporting and encouraging all students to have a more active and authentic involvement in their learning. We would like students to be more involved in the learning process, having greater opportunities to create and present their work to develop a deeper understanding.

Our **Grade 3-6 students** are very busy preparing for two **Information Evenings** – they are preparing the content, the invitations, the food to be served, the structure of the presentations.... **and they would love you to come along** to hear what they have to say about their learning.

**Grade 5-6: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm**

**Grade 3-4: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm**

Our Preps and Grades 1-2 students will be having their special events later in the Term.

### **FURNITURE**

Have you noticed the 'new' furniture? A huge thank you must go to **Toni Stewart** for sourcing virtually new furniture for our school from Ararat Secondary College. We have gained thousands of dollars worth of chairs for our school, for free. We also gained some tables. **Toni and her family** collected and organised the furniture for us. The chairs are in the **Grade 5-6 classrooms, the Chinese room, the Breakfast Club** and some for assemblies.

Our furniture budget allocation can now be used for the **Grade 1-2 area** – who are busily and happily sourcing new furniture ideas.

### **WORKING BEE**

We strive to have great pride in our school and at the moment there are some areas of our school that need work. But we need your help with this. School Council are planning a working bee next month. We hope that many families will be able to come along to make light work of the jobs.

### **REMINDERS:**

If you would like to work/assist in our school or on excursions, you must have a current **WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK.** Please contact the Office for details of how to apply for one. We must have a copy on file before you can work with students.

Please remember to return your **email details and Xuno contact details** so that you will be able to receive and use SMS communications.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

*Robyn Jones - Principal*

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## SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

School Nurse, Liz Leahy, will be visiting our school within the next 2 weeks to conduct free health assessments for some of our Prep Students.

- ◆ Parental Consent is required before any health assessment is undertaken
- ◆ Prep Students would have received a large white envelope with the health Questionnaire

**Please complete the Questionnaire and sign the Consent and return to school before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

If you decide that you do not want a health assessment for your child, please sign the non-consent part of the questionnaire and return to school before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.



# A note from the Chaplain

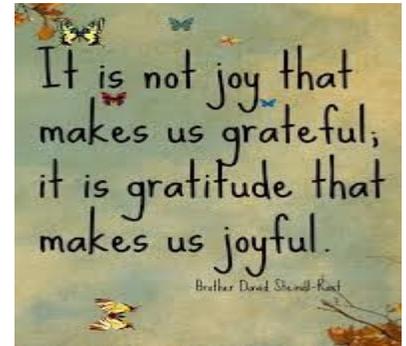


On Monday and Wednesday afternoons I've been enjoying some exercise with a group of local bike riders, who are training for the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay. It's an important fundraiser for our local hospital to be held in early April this year. The combination of great company, fresh smells of the bush, amazing sunsets / sunrises are all very relaxing. I often find myself thinking: how good is this!

However, riding around our beautiful country side, I occasionally noticed a foul smell that took me a little while to work out what it was. I'd be appreciating the beautiful morning or afternoon air, I mean, what's better than fresh dew mixed with eucalyptus and other bush fragrances, right? But every now and then I'd be quite rudely interrupted by a horrible stench. I first thought it was maybe some fertiliser, but then I finally figured it out ..... road kill!!

I can't help but think how beautiful and positive moments in our life can at times feel like they're rudely interrupted by circumstances that, put bluntly, absolutely stink! Unlike bike riding, these situations rarely allow us ride straight on by and continue on our merry way. We need to 'get off our bike' and work through whatever it is we face. All of us have our own stinking road kill in life to work through and clean up. Hopefully we don't end up doing it on our own, but can lean on the support of family and friends.

It can be very easy for our attention to be drawn away from the special things in life's scenery during these interruptions. While there's no question that life can be very overwhelming, as we practise gratitude, appreciate the positive things in life (big and small), the more we will understand clearly, and connect more meaningfully with the people around us.



All the best

Michael Lewis - Chaplain



## Thursday Special

Hot Chicken Roll with gravy or Mayo

\$4.00



## Reminders

Please remember to return Student Enrolment Information forms before Friday 28th February.

We require you to have a current Working With Children's Check if you would like to help out in our Classrooms or School events. For more information please contact the Front Office Staff.





## Portal: How to book Parent Teacher Interviews

### Making Bookings

Parents are able to start booking interviews as soon as the school has opened the booking process. **Please contact your school if you find that you are unable to book your interviews.**

We recommend that you book your interviews using a larger device such as a laptop, tablet or computer.

1. Click on the **School** menu and then click on the **Parent Teacher Interviews** item. If you are using a mobile device you'll need to tap on the menu icon in the top right, before you can tap on the **School** menu.
2. If you have any current bookings, these will be shown at the top of the page in the 'Confirmed Bookings' table. You can remove a booking at anytime by clicking on its corresponding delete button. Only parents are able to make and remove bookings.
3. To make a booking, first select a specific child by clicking on the button labelled with your child's name. A list of available teachers and classes will appear below.
4. Choose a teacher and class, and a time from the corresponding drop down list. Once you select a time your booking will be moved to the 'Confirmed Bookings' table at the top of the page. Bookings and available times are instant and work on a first booked basis.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for all of your bookings. Alternatively, you can use the **Book all remaining...** option to book all available remaining classes for your selected child in one go. Once you select a start time, XUNO will automatically work out the best possible time slots and book the teachers for you. If you have more than one child, you will need to do this for each child individually. Student coordinators are not booked automatically.

Click on the **Print** icon in the top header bar to print your confirmed bookings. The print icon is not available on mobiles and devices using small screens.

**Bookings will close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am.**



### School Council Elections – We need new members.

- \* Do you have ideas that would benefit all our students and families?
- \* Do you have special skills beyond that of teaching staff that can add to the future direction of our school?
- \* Would you like to be involved?

Joining Stawell Primary School Council is easy. If you are seriously considering joining us, or if you would like to find out more, please contact Robyn Jones or any of our current School Councillors. We would love to have you join our team!

**Self-Nomination forms are available at the General Office.**

**Nominations Open : Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 9.00am**

**Nominations Close : Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 4.00pm**

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held on**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 6.00pm**

# Community News




**#WILDWIMMERAKIDS COMPETITION**

Enter Now!

Win a private meet & greet with Chris Humfrey & his animals during the Horsham Fishing Comp weekend

**MARCH 8**

Wimmera CMA



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at [www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au](http://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au).

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.



**STAWELL WOMEN'S DAY BASKETBALL CLUB Inc.**

We are currently seeking players for our 2020 Autumn season which will begin in February.

Games are played on a Monday from 1.00 - 3.00pm

You have to register with PlayHQ (Approx \$39) before you take the court. Our fees are \$60 per season.

It is a requirement that you are able to **reliably** commit to the club each week for those 2 hours. You have to be able to do this for our competition to **function effectively**.

You are required by Basketball Australia to have a current Working with Children check before you take the court. You can apply for a free volunteer one online.

**NO EXPERIENCE** is necessary to play, members will help players who are new to the sport. We welcome anyone over the age of 16, regardless of their experience or skill level.

The competition is purely social with an emphasis on participation, fun & inclusion.

We are a child friendly competition. Children are welcome and are provided with toys to play with. They are in full view of the court. Players are rostered on to be with them.

You will be rostered on duty every fortnight or you may volunteer to umpire.

We hold fun days, dinners & special events, on occasion, to give players the chance to enjoy time together off the court.

We don't play during school holidays or on public holidays.

The club provides you with a singlet to wear during the season & this is returned prior to leaving on the last week.



Please contact via FB inbox or mobile: Trish Ralph 0419 370 930 or Deb Storach 0428 876 308



The MiniRoos Kick-Off program is back. This year they will be running each school term! The first term starts on 14 February 2020. So sign-up today to secure a spot.

To register: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/minirooms-kickoff-finder>

MiniRoos is designed for kids of all abilities, aged 4 – 11 years. The nation-wide initiative uses short, game-based sessions to introduce the sport of football to newcomers in an inclusive way. It focuses on learning new skills, being active, making life-long friends and, potentially, unearthing the next generation of Socceros or Westfield Matildas.

For more information email: [stawellsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:stawellsoccerclub@gmail.com)



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## February/March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24	25  Grade 5&6 Information Evening 6—7pm  <u>School Council Elections Open</u>	26  Black Ranges Tennis  <u>Prep Parent Information Session</u>  10am  <b>Prep Day Off</b>	27  Information Night Grade 3&4 5.45pm—6.30pm	28  <b>School's Clean Up Day</b>  Grade 3 & 4 Stadium Sports 9.30am-10.30am  <b>PREP School Nurse Forms and Grades 3-6 Student Enrolment Information Forms due back</b>
2	3	4  <u>Prep Parent Information Session</u>  10am  <b>Prep Day Off</b>	5  Black Ranges Swimming Horsham	6  Grade 3 & 4 Stadium Sports 9.30am-10.30am
<b>Parent Teacher interviews</b>				
9  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> Labour Day Public Holiday	10  <u>School Council Elections close</u>	11  <b>Preps Attending FULL TIME</b>	12  <u>Prep &amp; Grade 1 Wide Open Road Optometry</u>	13  <b>Ride 2 School Day</b>  Grade 3—6 Cross Country
16	17  School Council AGM @ 6pm	18  Grade 5 & 6 Maths Olympics  <u>Prep &amp; Grade 1 Wide Open Road Optometry</u>	19  Grade 6 GRIP Leadership Ballarat	20  Greater Western Region Swimming Horsham



**As part of our Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear hats during Terms 1 & 4.**

If you require a new Hat they are available for purchase at the General Office for \$10.00 each.

