



Stawell Primary School
To Strive, To Seek, To Find - But Not To Yield

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Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH, 2020



Thursday 3rd September:-

On-site attendance required by 3pm

Thursday 10th September:-

On-site attendance required by 3pm

Friday 18th September:-

Last day Term 3



Water Bottles:-

Students are NOT to use the bubble taps, please ensure that your child has their own drink bottle with them at school each day.

Playgrounds:-

The school playgrounds are closed to the public during Stage 3 restrictions.

On-Site attendance:-

Please ensure your requests are in by 3pm each Thursday.

Principal Update

Dear Parents, Carers and 502 Community,

Welcome to Week 7 of the Term, with only 3 more weeks to go. Let's hope that we can then enjoy the holiday break and prepare to return to school for Term 4. At this stage I cannot confirm if all students will be returning at the same time or if we will have another staggered start. I will get that information to you as soon as I can.

In the meantime I must thank you again for all your efforts with remote-learning. Thank you to the many families who completed our Week 6 survey. It has been great to read all your responses. We acted upon many of your thoughts last time to help improve this period of remote-learning.

Thank you.

Thank you for completing your **on-site attendance requests**. The criteria for attendance remains the same.

- Please ensure your requests are in by **3.00pm Thursday** – we are STRICTLY adhering to this cut off time for the final weeks and will be unable to make any changes for late requests
- **Please phone the school if your child/children will not be attending on-site.** We are legally bound to follow up any absences – please help us by phoning that morning and letting us know.

I have included in my Principal Update about why we are making contact with you. Our reason for calling is wellbeing based - **to offer support and to ensure you are OK.** Please **answer the phone once** so that we don't need to ring back again, unless of course you would like us to. It makes it very difficult for us when we don't get any response.

I must also congratulate our students who are attending on-site. They are working very well on their remote-learning tasks. I sincerely thank all the staff for being part of the supervision roster which is over and above their remote-learning teaching workload.

By your responses, **Wellbeing Wednesday** is going well in terms of providing a break and as a chance to complete the Specialist subjects. I am so glad it is making things easier for you.

I was also pleased to read that the smaller Webex groups are appreciated. We have learnt a lot since our last remote-learning and know that the larger group sessions were not really working for teachers or families.

I hope that everyone is enjoying collecting their **PRIDE dollars** once again, which can be spent in Term 4. The focus now will be on **completing work with pride** – something which we always strive to do!

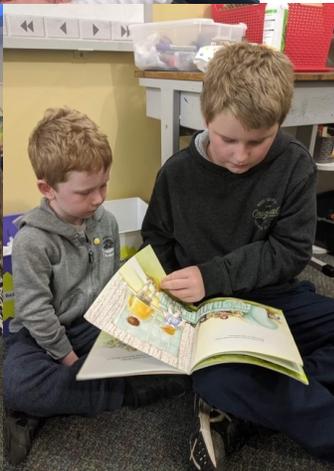
Enjoy the weekend.

Robyn Jones—Principal

Wacky Wednesday



Reading
with friends



PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



CHILD SAFE STANDARD 6:

STRATEGIES TO IDENTIFY AND REDUCE OR REMOVE RISKS OF CHILD ABUSE

Schools must implement, record and monitor risk management strategies. They are required to use the Child Safety Risk Assessment Register.

This means that schools will have to identify the risks of child abuse in the school by taking into account the nature of each school environment (both the physical and online environment), expected activities, and the characteristics and needs of the children there.

Once identified, the school should keep a risk register that specifies the actions the school will take to reduce or remove the risk.

Standard 6 also requires annual guidance and training for the individual members of the school governing authority and school staff about:

- Individual and collective obligations and responsibilities for managing the risk of child abuse
- Child abuse risks in the school environment; and
- The school's current child safety standards.

Next Newsletter: Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment

Tammie Meehan, Assistant Principal, Child Safe Lead Officer



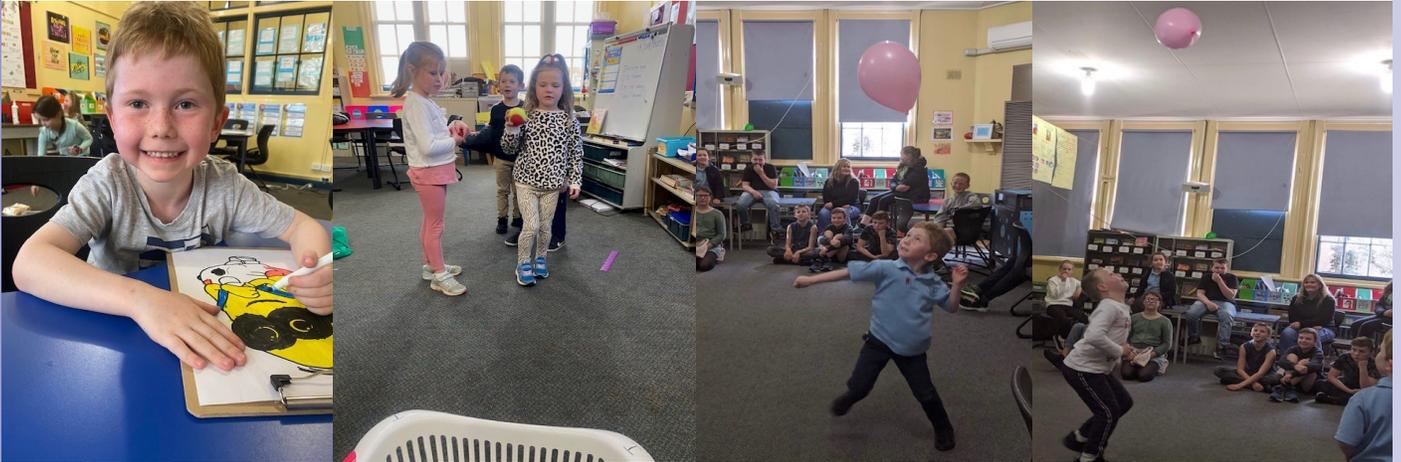
Balloon Volleyball

Last week on Wellbeing Wednesday some of our Grade 5 and 6 onsite students held a balloon volleyball competition. The grand final came down to Phoenix and Declan against Miss A and Jake with Phoenix and Declan claiming the title as the first 502 Balloon Volleyball Champions.



Next Wellbeing Wednesdays grand finalists are Jack and Mitch against Sienna and Dale, stay tuned to see who the next champions will be.

Remote Learning Onsite—Wellbeing Wednesday



Remote Learning At Home



How many smarties?



JSC presents to you...

The remote learning smarties competition!

Can you guess the
number of
smarties?

Prizes for P-1-2,
3-4 and 5-6

Are you wondering how to
enter?

Click on this link and enter
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submit.

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Grade 5 and 6 Writing

YEAR 5 and 6 have been working on beginning biographies with a narrative style to 'grab' the reader's attention and make them want to 'listen' on to their presentation.

Here are some samples:

Splash! The sound of the water splashing on the hull of the boat. Matthew Flinders is on the deck charting the south coast of Australia. He is looking at the rocky cliffs beyond the water and the dead wasteland. He is just about to finish charting the map when he comes across another island. This island is called Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).once he was around Tasmania, he notices that he could've gone right through Tasmania.

George

(The buzzer goes off) Head held high, sweat pouring off his body, smile from ear to ear. The crowd is yelling MVP. He finally hit that 3 pointer! His team mates are hugging him, encouraging him to go again. Quick break, word from the coach and he is back on the court. He catches the throw in, he is off, he weaves around one player, then another, the goal is open.....SLAM DUNK! He has nailed it, let's go Ben Simmons!

Tess

Inventing is a big thing, have you ever heard of the name David Warren? Well he invented the black box, his date of birth was the 20th of March 1925 in Groote Eylandt and he died on the 19th of July 2010.

Lily

THWOMP! Arms and legs begin to move and they are off and running for the ball. The crowd is yelling and cheering. Cam Smith has caught the ball and begun his sprint. Ten meters towards the try line, as he has begun to, Smith is tackled by the opposition to the ground.

Declan

POW POW gun shots are fired. Simpson is rushing to safety but 'POW', "MAN DOWN MAN DOWN!" Simpson runs in to the battle and picks up the man and runs back to safety. "RUN THE BOMB IS GOING TO BLOW!" So Simpson gets the man on his donkey and gets away. BOOM ! .

Harley

Hello there my name is Fanny Eileen Brownbill. Today I'm going to be telling you about how I made a difference in my Australian community. I should probably tell you where and when it began. On the 28th of April in the year 1890, was when I was born. Modewarre Victoria was my home town. I grew up with my dad James Alford and my mum Ann Abbot and would eventually become the first Labor woman to win a parliamentary seat in Victoria.

Charli

Have you ever wondered who the lady was on the back of the Australian \$50 dollar note. Well the lady is Edith Dirksey Cowan and she changed the rights for women and children in Australia.

Sienna S

Imagine racing on a thoroughbred in the toughest 2 mile race in the world, with 24 horses and hooves racing on grass going 35/km per hour. The main goal you would have is getting over that finish line in one piece. Michelle Payne was the first ever female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup.

Chelsea

Being the first female Prime Minister of Australia can be daunting with lots of put downs and sexist comments but this first female Prime Minister was as strong and resilient as they come. Meet Julia Gillard!

Freya

Six! Yells the crowd as I extend my arms with all my might to hit the rose red ball into the crowds. I celebrate by throwing my bat around while gripping on tightly because before that six I was on 96 runs so I have a century. The next ball ... I tap my bat twice and take a deep breath. I'm facing a spinner, the bowler lets it go, it spins inline with the wickets, I swing and shockingly miss it and it hits the wickets. I'm devastated. The umpire puts his pointer finger straight up and that means I, Donald Bradman, am out.

Archie H

The engine is cut off and the boat glides onto the bank of the river. There are exciting barks from a dog in anticipation of the latest capture. The juicy chicken as bait has been taken. The silver cage has been set off and Steve can hear huge splashes and massive metal clangs. After a while Steve spots a large, swampy coloured snout and two eyes really spaced apart. Steve Irwin knows he has caught a massive crocodile. CRIKEY! CHECK OUT THIS LITTLE BEAUTY! Who would think you could use these words to describe a crocodile?

Leonie

Rebel's childhood was a little bit different, as her parents were dog handlers. They travelled all around the country selling dog products. Rebel liked to rap and when she could, entered rapping competitions along with her sister Liberty. When Rebel was young, while travelling in Mozambique, she contracted malaria. During this time Rebel had strange dreams, where she dreamed of acting in films and winning an Oscar. This Rebel says is why she started acting.

Lily M

Crash as Steve slammed on the crocodiles back it was a monstrous croc with long sharp teeth. Steve wrestled the beast and tide it up ready to transport to a new river. The river is a better and safer environment for the crocodiles.

Evie

AHOY MARTIES THERE'S A ISLAND THERE! Wait, that's the GREAT BARRIER REEF! I'm the first man to see that! Willem Janszoon or you might know me as Willem Jansz!

Ador

Crikey! Yelled Steve Irwin as a giant crocodile splashes its tail around near the shallow water where Steve was standing. "Gee whiz wow what a ripper croc" Steve says as he jumps into the water to wrestle this big crocodile. He grabs his heavy rope and ties it around the crocodile's mouth and pulls the 6ft crocodile up onto the bank. As he is pulling the crocodile up it swings its heavy tail and hits Steve right in the back but Steve's ok and manages to get the crocodile into his trap. Steve can't believe how beautiful she is and takes the crocodile back to his wildlife park.

Blake D

"In life, it's not if it gets tough - it's when it gets tough. No matter what happens, it's up to you to do something about it." Life lessons according to Neil Daniher.

Max

Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
TERM 3 WEEK 8	<u>August 31st</u>	<u>September 1st</u>	<u>September 2nd</u>	<u>September 3rd</u> On-Site attendance request by 3pm	<u>September 4th</u>
WEEK 9	<u>September 7th</u>	<u>September 8th</u>	<u>September 9th</u>	<u>September 10th</u> On-Site attendance request by 3pm	<u>September 11th</u>
WEEK 10	<u>September 14th</u>	<u>September 15th</u>	<u>September 16th</u>	<u>September 17th</u>	<u>September 18th</u> Last day Term 3
<u>School Holidays</u>	<u>September 21st</u>	<u>September 22nd</u>	<u>September 23rd</u>	<u>September 24th</u>	<u>September 25th</u>



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.