



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

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Principal Update, Term 4

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and 502 Community,

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. It has been a very busy, but very settled start to our return to face to face schooling.

Once again, I can only thank you for your committed efforts during remote-learning 2.0. It certainly hasn't been easy, but I hope that you have enjoyed the wonderful work posted each day, by our dedicated staff. Google Classroom is a terrific teaching and learning tool and has offered our students the chance to make the most of their learning during difficult times.

This week, staff have started their **return-to-school assessments**, giving us important information about your child's learning needs for the remainder of the term. We cannot catch up on everything, but we will ensure that we teach **what matters most** for a successful end to the year.

We have so many rules to follow for COVID restrictions and they are changing daily. In this short update, I will outline a few changes (which could in fact change again!). We will have more details to follow next week, in our longer newsletter. Please keep checking our Facebook page and read the Xuno updates.

Updates:

- Temperature checking of students is NO longer required (all gates can now be used)
- Anyone with cold/flu like symptoms must NOT attend school until clear
- Entry restrictions still apply for school grounds
- Assemblies are not permitted (including small, whole-school and Graduation)
- School photos are not permitted (from photographic companies)
- It is likely that a modified Transition program will happen for our new Preps and our Year 6s.

Please remember that these are mandated decisions and not in our control.

Staff will certainly plan the best possible alternatives that we can, giving all our students a happy and appropriate end to the school year, or to their primary education.

School Reminders:

Apologies, but the **canteen will NOT be open next week**

School Council meeting – next Tuesday 7.00pm on-site (please wear masks)

Friday 23rd October – Grand Final Public Holiday – no school

Keep an eye out next week for some exciting school events happening for our students soon

PREP 2021 ENROLMENTS ARE DUE NOW. Please check our school website for a virtual tour and on-line enrolment forms.

No doubt we will have some very tired students by the end of the week. We all need to get 'match fit' for the final term.

Have a great weekend. (I hope your football team wins, unless they are playing Collingwood!!)

Cheers

Robyn Jones—Principal

Laptops

Congratulations to all of our families who showed huge levels of patience and a 'have-a-go' attitude when supporting their children in using their laptops through our latest round of remote learning! We had a smoother time working through technical issues this time, and when issues did pop up, we were mostly able to get them sorted pretty quickly. Another huge thank you for returning the laptops back to school in excellent condition, we only had 2 laptops with damage, that's amazing when you consider that we had over 280 get sent home! This says a lot about how you value the school equipment, for this we are very grateful. The only issue we have now is missing chargers. We have had a few come to school without their chargers, these actually cost us around \$100 for each charger if we need to replace them, so you can imagine how these add up. We're missing over \$1000 in chargers. If you have one at home, can we ask them to be returned Monday morning.

Thank
You!



Term 4 Reminders

Hats:- Students are required to wear hats outside at all times during Term 4.

Water Bottles:- Please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. All bubble taps have been removed and new refill taps have been installed for drink bottles to be refilled.

Playgrounds:- The school playgrounds are closed to the public under current restrictions.

Public Holidays and Student Free days:-

Friday October 23rd, Grand final Public Holiday
Monday November 2nd, Pupil Free Day Report Writing Day
Tuesday November 3rd, Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday December 2nd, Pupil Free Planning Day

Canteen:- Our Canteen is currently closed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will keep you updated as to when it will reopen.

Restrictions:- Just a friendly reminder that no parents or visitors are permitted onsite without prior consent. Please phone the office on 5358 1255 if you have any queries.