



# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

### WEEK 5

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Badge Presentation  
Assembly

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Black Ranges Swimming  
Grade 3/4 Thursday Sport  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Canteen Open

### WEEK 6

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar

Grade 3/4 Thursday Sport  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

Canteen Open

### WEEK 7

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

Labour Day—Pupil Free Day

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar

Grade 3/4 Thursday Sport  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar

Canteen Open

### WEEK 8

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

Harmony Day—  
Wear Orange

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

School Photos

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Ride to School Day  
Maths Olympics  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Staff Professional  
Development—Pupil Free  
Day

Dear Parents/Carers and 502 Community,

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

It was an absolute pleasing turnout at our Parent Information Session held yesterday (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb). The BER gym was packed with over 100 people in attendance. This was a brilliant opportunity to showcase the positive changes that are being made in Literacy, Numeracy, and Wellbeing across the school. The session was followed by open classrooms, and a gorgeous afternoon tea catered by Kristy Lewis and her team.



From the Parent Information Session, we promoted that 'Every student in our school has a great day, everyday'. A simplified version of our mission statement of 'At Stawell Primary School our mission is to develop resilient, lifelong learners by delivering an engaging curriculum. We celebrate success and maintain a strong commitment to wellbeing and positive relationships for all students, staff and community. This is built on the foundation of our school PRIDE values.'

#### **Swimming Sports Grade 4-6 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Swimming sports was a real hit with the weather pleasant. All students participated well, and we had some impressive results. A big congratulations to the House Captains who were able to organise their teams for each event. We also must give thanks to the parent helpers, who helped with timing, ribbons, and organisation of the day. Mr O'Neill was the coordinator of the event, and had everything wonderfully organised for the day.

A big congratulations to **GREEN HOUSE**, who were the winning house!

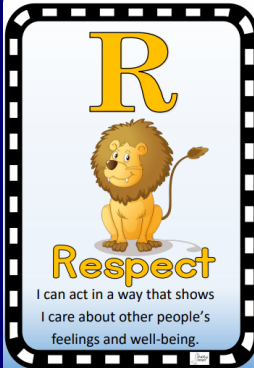
#### **Parents and Friends Club**

If you are interested in helping with important fundraising activities, then we would love your help too. Please leave your name with the Office and we will be in contact with you.



### Hands on Learning

Hands on Learning has kicked off for the Term, our four students are enjoying their time at Stawell West Primary School. We had an exuberant number of applicants for the program, which enforces the need for an alternative learning environment and wellbeing program. We are currently looking at other programs that we could run at the school, including the Energy Breakthrough program (trike racing), however sponsorship, fundraising, and grants will need to be successful for this to go ahead at this time.



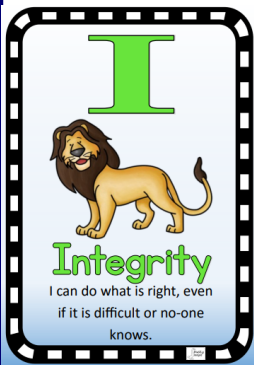
### Attendance

This year we are focusing on attendance, and we would like you to read the following. It is important that we monitor attendance, and for parents and families to contact the Office when their child is away.

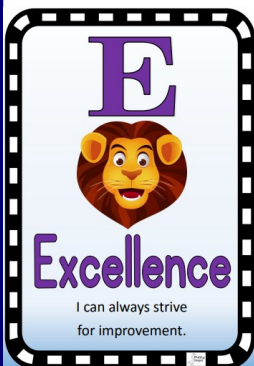
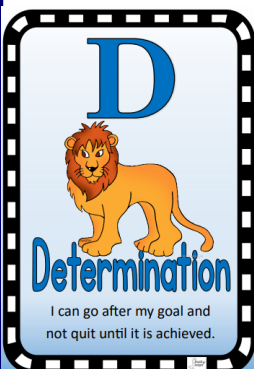
Enjoy your weekend,

Russell Marland

Principal.



# Swimming Sports



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# Art Room Antics

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first Art Room Antics for 2023. We have had a great start to the year in the art room.

Grades 1-6 having started investigating the Principles of Art beginning with Balance (Symmetry).

For their first projects students have been creating colourful insects, ranging from painted and drawn butterflies to colourful collaged insects. The thing they all have in common is the fact that they are balanced and have symmetry i.e., both sides or wings match perfectly.

On their first day the Preps were shown around the art room, we read "*Beautiful Oops!*", a wonderful book which explores what you can create when you've had an oops and then jumped straight in with a drawing activity. In the weeks that followed they learnt about the Primary colours (Red, Yellow and Blue) and tried painting for the first time. They are all settling in well

## Artworks Show Case

### Grade 1s

Learning about butterflies, balance, line, painting techniques and warm colours.



### Grade 2s

Learning about butterflies, balance, line, painting techniques and warm and cool colours.



## Artworks Show Case

### Grade 3/4s

Exploring butterflies, balance/symmetry, line, drawing techniques, and "painting" with aluminum foil.



### Grade 5/6s

Creating 2D insects using collage. Focusing on the insect's symmetry e.g., it's legs and wings, as well as colours/patterns.



## **Other news.....**

### **Art Smocks**

As you will probably know students have started using paint in the art room. As careful as students are there is always the possibility that children will get some paint on their uniforms. Whilst the paint used at 502 is washable, dark colours can be hard to get out.

Pre-Covid each class had a basket of art smocks that were brought down to the art room for students use on a weekly basis.

In recent times, however, we have had to deal with Covid, nasty colds and the occasional head lice outbreak, all of which can be spread from child to child by sharing things like art smocks.

Art smocks don't have to be fancy they can be an old loose shirt or t-shirt. Students can bring them down for the lesson and then take them home to be washed.

Check out the times below to see when your child has art.

Wednesday – Grade 5/6

Thursday – Grade 1 and Prep

Friday – Grade 2 and 3/4

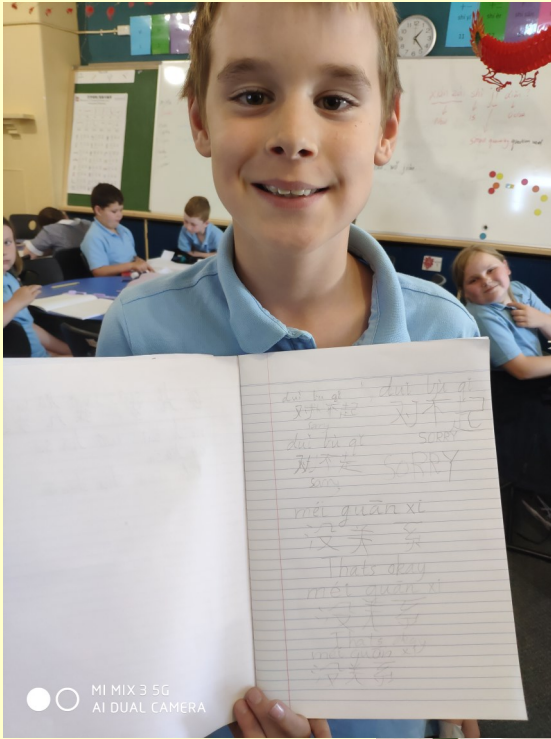
### **Artworks Show Case**

#### **Preps**

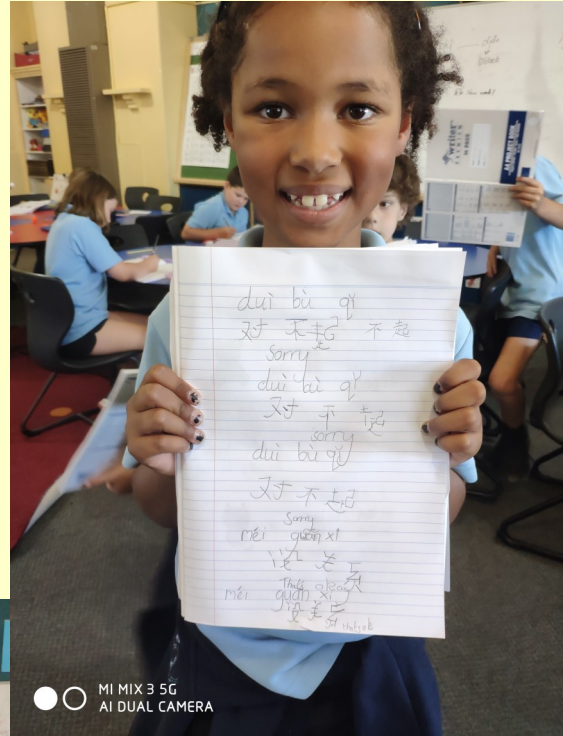
Exploring the Primary Colours, shape, painting techniques and mark making.



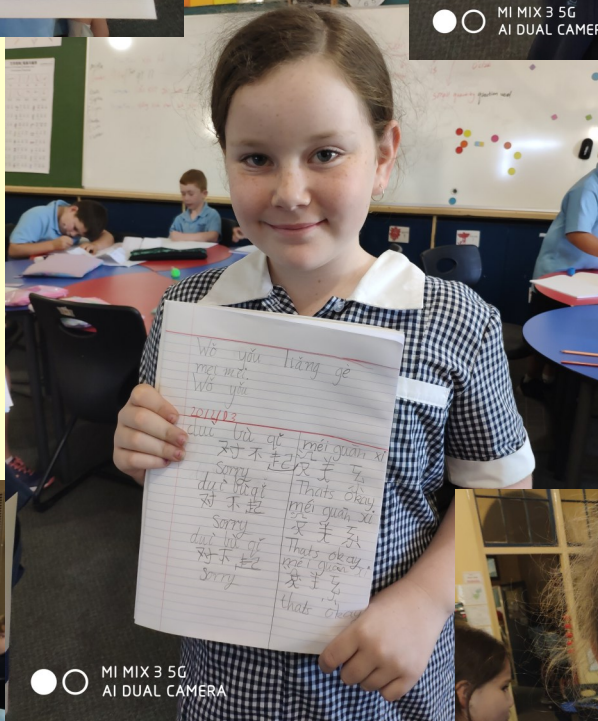
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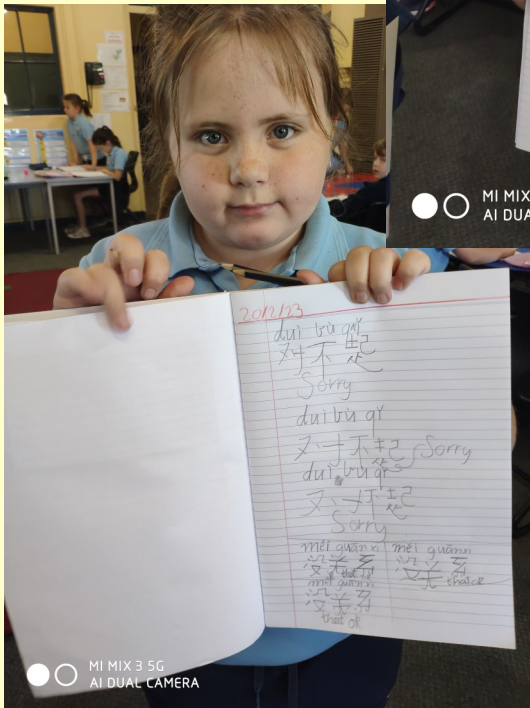
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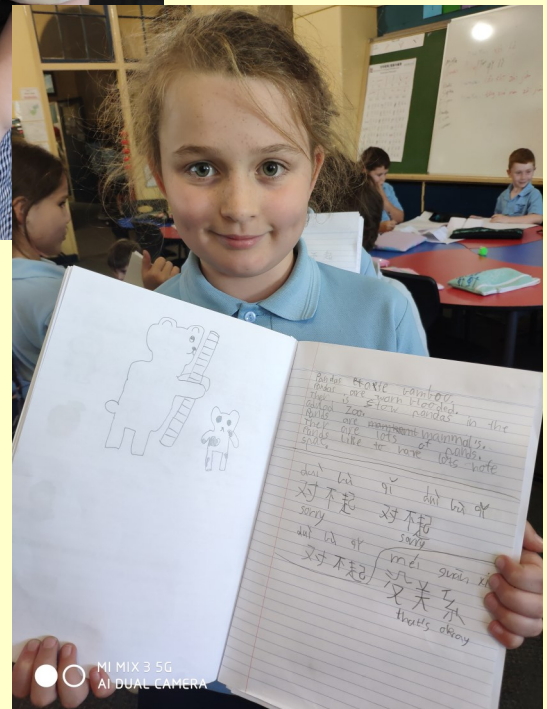
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The Canteen will run each Thursday and Friday.  
Keep an eye on our Newsletter for Thursday specials.

Orders can be placed on the QKR app or send your child with a brown paper bag and money for them to place in the canteen basket in their classroom. Canteen price lists are available through the Office.

Thank you to all that volunteered last year to help with the Canteen.

Please fill in an expression of interest if you're available to help Kristy on a Thursday or Friday.



## Canteen Helpers

If you can spare one morning either regularly or occasionally, please fill in the form below and return it to the Office as soon as possible.

.....  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Preferred:

Thurs

Fri

Fortnightly

How Often:

Monthly

Once a term



# Term 1 Reminders

**Hats:-** Students are required to wear hats outside at all times during Term 1.

**Water Bottles:-** Please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. Refill taps are located around the school for drink bottles to be refilled.

**Illness:-** If your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home.

**Absences and XUNO:-** Please complete any unexplained absences for your child via XUNO.

- Please log into XUNO
- Click on Attendance
- Click on Important/Absence that require an explanation
- Enter a valid reason for your Childs absence

## 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
- ⇒ Who is enrolled at the **nearest** government school

Application forms and information are available at the Office.

Application forms need to be received by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.



### STAWELL SCHOOLS COUNTRY BUSES INFORMATION

If your child/ren were travelling this last year as an approved traveller/s and wish to continue to travel in 2023, you must log into the School Bus Management System and select: 'Renew Application' for your child/ren.

To renew your 2023 travel, please go to [:schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au](https://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au) and complete your renewal.



### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND 2023

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible to apply for CSEF.

Application forms are available at the office

**Please bring in your current concession card, fill in the application form, and we can process this**



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**



# Term 1 Reminders

## Local Excursion Consent Form 2023

For students to attend local excursion's such as walking to the library, stadium etc this form needs to be completed. If you could send this back to school with your child for them to place in the black bag, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have not received a copy of this please contact the office to obtain one.



## PARKING REMINDER

Please be mindful of parking at school drop off and pick up to ensure that you are using allocated parking. Please do not restrict driveway access within the streets around the school area.

## School Hats

As part of the Stawell Primary School Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear hats during Term 1 and Term 4.

If you require a new Hat they are available for purchase at the Office for \$10.00 each or on the QKR app.



## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has commenced. Breakfast Club will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am onwards.



# Term 1 Reminders

## QKR APP

If you are using the Qkr App for ordering students lunches, could you please ensure you update your students current year level and room number, instructions below :

1. Sign into the Qkr App
2. Select Stawell Primary School Profile
3. Select Manage Children – update details



At Stawell Primary School we use a SMS messaging service called XUNO. We use this to message you in regards to Student absences, newsletters, updates and messages from your teachers. If you have any issues with Xuno or need help please contact the Office on 5358 1255.



## **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 Russell Marland 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: Monday 27th February 2023 @ 9.00am**

**Nominations Close: Tuesday 14th March 2023 @ 4.00pm**

# Term 1 Reminders

## Professional tuition in Maths and English



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[www.facebook.com/stawelltuition](http://www.facebook.com/stawelltuition)

### Scooter and Bike Riders

Please remember to walk your scooter/ bike, until you leave the footpath that surrounds the school.



**STAWELL 13 & UNDER  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

ARE SEEKING JUNIOR PLAYERS  
TO JOIN OUR 2023 SEASON

FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB  
AFFORDABLE FUN AND FITNESS  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
ACCREDITED COACHES



**WHO:**

FEMALES BORN:  
2009-2014  
MALES BORN:  
2010-2014

**WHEN:**

FRIDAY  
NIGHTS  
6PM  
ONWARDS

**COST:**

\$50 PER PLAYER  
INCLUDES USE  
OF JERSEY &  
HELMET

GAMES HELD AT CENTRAL PARK, STAWELL  
QUESTIONS? CALL ANDREW ON 0438 583 685

# Chappy's Chat

Hi everyone,

Well we're three weeks back into school now and it seems like everything is settling into normality. We welcome the new teachers and students to the 502 community, and we welcome back everyone else.



## Vale Jennifer Molin

Late last year, we were saddened at the passing of Jennifer Molin a past Principal of 502. Jennifer had remained connected in her semi retirement, mentoring one of the students. She left a significant mark on many lives.

## Mentoring Programs

I'm delighted that we have had an increase in the number of mentors applying to assist students. The school operates mentoring from both Mates (Grampians Health) and Kids Hope (St Matthews Uniting). The mentors catch up with their designated students weekly or fortnightly and provide a significant extra supportive relationship. Apart from the obvious benefit to the students, our mentors also enjoy the program. Some have been doing this for years.

If you would like to explore being a mentor, call me at the school to arrange a conversation. We have many children on our waiting list for this very important program.

## Food Hampers

Just a reminder that during these tougher economic times, the school can assist with food hampers. If you or someone you know could use that assistance, don't hesitate to call the office and let them know. They'll direct that to me, and I'll call to make arrangements.



# STAWELL PIONEERS SOCCER CLUB

## SEEKING PLAYERS

### SENIORS

Seeking players to expand to a reserves team  
Training Wednesday 6pm and Sunday 3pm

### JUNIORS

Male and Female u/12, u/14, u/17's  
Training Tuesday and Friday 4:30pm

### MINIROOS

Age 4+ - Friday 4:15pm

### Venue

North Park STAWELL

### Phone

0419 886 355 Seniors (Rob)

0437 989 476 Juniors (Corey)

**ALL PLAYERS NEW AND RETURNING WARMLY WELCOMED**



## JOIN THE FUN!

**Horsham & Surrounds - T1**

**All Girls Auskick Centre**

**Horsham City Oval**

**Wednesdays - March 1st - March 29th**

**4:30pm-5:30pm**



Register via the link below or  
the QR code

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/33da34>

For further details:

[jaye.macumber@afl.com.au](mailto:jaye.macumber@afl.com.au)



The Stawell Amateur Athletic Club (SAAC) Cross Country running season commences on  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Sub-junior races are a variety of 1 kilometre course and for young runners starting out in the sport  
from 4 years old to roughly 10 years old.

Junior category is for young runners who can confidently run 3 km-4 km cross country events.  
Senior events range from 3 km to 16 km.

All races are handicapped giving all runners an equal chance of winning.

Meet at the Stawell Amateur Athletic Club Clubhouse, North Park, for registration from 9am  
aiming to start Sub-juniors and Juniors at 9.30am. There will be a morning tea following  
the first race at the clubhouse located near the North Park athletics track.]

Membership for the 2023 season is \$35 for adults, \$20 for juniors, \$15 for sub juniors and \$50 for  
families. Membership entitles runners to participate in all 18 club runs for the 2023 season.

Our Club is very family orientated and always welcomes new members.  
More information can be found at our website: <http://saac.com.au/> or our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/saacvic/>



# Child

# S A F E T Y

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, Scott Rathgeber, is the appointed lead Child Safety coordinator.**

## Do you or someone you know need some help?

The Stawell Inter Church Council Cottage is at 20 Sloane St Stawell and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30am—12:30pm.

For help with non-perishable groceries, grocery shopping vouchers, VLine, petrol, chemist, etc.

For after hours emergencies—0408 038 949.

Stawell Neighborhood House has perishable fruit and vegetables Mondays-Fridays.  
In Sloane St next to Cato Park.

For other needs contact Stawell St Vincent de Paul—0437 344 323 and leave a message.  
Your call will be responded to within 24 hours.



Mini Roos is back for Term 1 2023!!

Stawell Pioneers Soccer Club will be running Mini Roos sessions during each school term.

Each term will be 6 weekly sessions.

Open to ages 5-10.

Mini Roos is designed for young kids of all abilities to learn new skills, get active, make friends and have plenty of fun along the way.

**Friday Session: Mixed (Girls and Boys)**

Time: 4:15pm – 5pm

Dates: 10th February to 17th March

Place: North Park, Lamont Street, Stawell.

Cost: \$50 per child (6 weekly sessions)

To Register, please go to: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/minirooms-kickoff-finder> and select Stawell SC Pioneers.

For any questions please contact Tara at [minirooms.stawellsc@gmail.com](mailto:minirooms.stawellsc@gmail.com)

Please also feel free to join the Stawell Soccer Club Facebook Page for updates.

# Dates for the Diary!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 1 WEEK 5	<u>February 27th</u>  Badge Presentation Assembly  School Council nominations open	<u>February 28th</u>	<u>March 1st</u>  Prep Day Off	<u>March 2nd</u>  Black Ranges swimming  Grade 3/4 Thursday sport  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>March 3rd</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
					
WEEK 6	<u>March 6th</u>  Student Information Forms Due	<u>March 7th</u>	<u>March 8th</u>  Prep Day Off	<u>March 9th</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  Grade 3/4 Thursday sport	<u>March 10th</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 7	<u>March 13th</u>  Labour Day Pupil Free	<u>March 14th</u>  Smile Squad Forms due back  School Council nominations close	<u>March 15th</u>  Prep attend full time	<u>March 16th</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  Grade 3/4 Thursday sport	<u>March 17th</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 8	<u>March 20th</u>	<u>March 21st</u>  Harmony Day Wear Orange	<u>March 22nd</u>  School Photos	<u>March 23rd</u>  Ride to School Day Maths Olympics Grade 5/6  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>March 24th</u>  Staff Professional Development—Pupil Free Day
WEEK 9	<u>March 27th</u>  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 28th</u>  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 29th</u>  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 30th</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>March 31st</u>  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 10	<u>April 3rd</u>  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>April 4th</u>  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>April 5th</u>  Easter Egg Hunt	<u>April 6th</u>  End of Term Assembly East Hat Parade  <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>April 7th</u>  Good Friday Start of School Holidays